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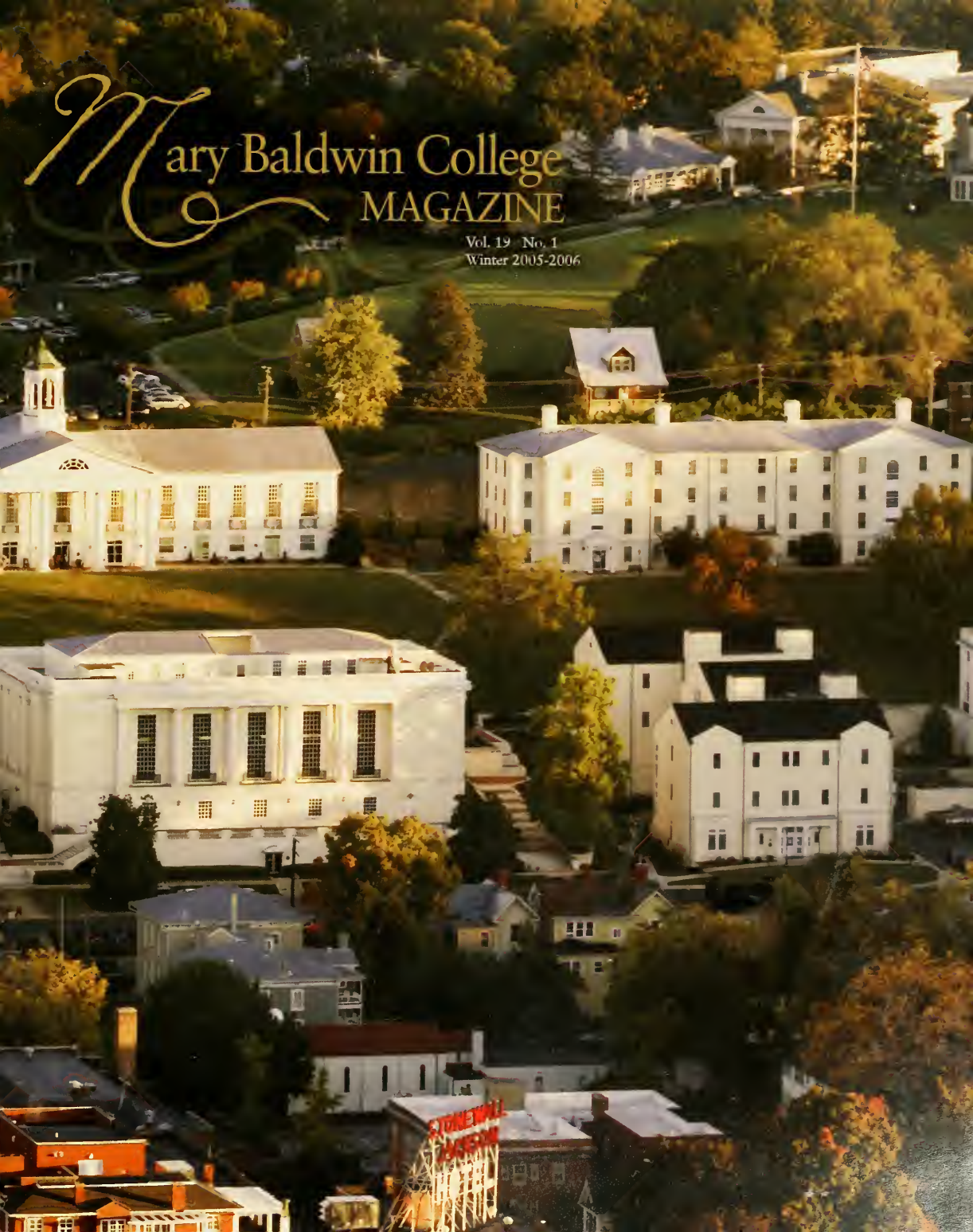

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Words from Our President
Dr. Pamela Fox

Looking back over the past months and forward to the rest of this academic year and beyond, it is clear that we have much to celebrate — accomplishments of the last year, a significant gift of financial resources, a new academic year off to a great start, and exciting plans for the future.

In 2004-05, my colleagues at Mary Baldwin worked together as an ensemble of orchestral proportions. We completed 95 percent of the 49 ambitious objectives we had set for ourselves in order to advance our strategic plan. We matched the $500,000 pledge from Bertie Deming Smith '48 which resulted in $1.5 million. Mrs. Smith then pledged an additional $6 million over the next three years as a 1-1 challenge to support our strategic plan. We are so grateful for her inspirational generosity and faith in the college.

I want to thank everyone who helped increase our participation rate in the Annual Fund last year from 25 percent to 30 percent, and especially to the reunion classes, who set a record in class giving. The culminating event of the academic year, Commencement with speaker Sheila Crump Johnson, was featured in a distinguished list of colleges on the *NBC Nightly News* with Brian Williams on June 9.

We worked through the summer on campus improvement. Campus was shining as we welcomed the Class of 2009 for orientation, a class with high academic qualifications and SATs 43 points higher than last year. We are also pleased to report a 7.5 percent increase in retention for our returning sophomore class.

The fall semester has been exciting. On October 3 — for the first time in decades — we returned to the orchard for Apple Day. I was moved as I watched 150 students exit buses at the farm of former board of trustee member Carole Lewis Anderson. Everyone had a grand time picking apples, exploring the property, and renewing a wonderful tradition. It is my intent that this tradition shall continue through the 21st century.

There have been somber notes as well. On October 7, we held a service celebrating the life of Air Force First Lieutenant Sarah Small '02, who was killed while on duty in Egypt. She was our first graduate to lose her life in the course of military service. We also share a profound concern for victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita and other natural disasters that have caused great loss across the country and around the globe. We made a place for students displaced from institutions in New Orleans, and students, faculty, and staff have worked hard to raise funds for disaster relief.

As we work to make sure each day counts for our students, we must also ensure that Mary Baldwin remains a thriving academic community over the coming decades. For several months we have collaborated with the architectural firm of Geier Brown Renfrow on a visionary, long-term campus master plan. This issue of the magazine highlights the history of our campus and the next issue will present our new campus vision. In forging our plan, we are adopting a pragmatic approach to incremental improvements as well as a compelling multi-decade vision. As we do so, we want to insure that our campus instills pride, is united as one physical community, and supports the intimate scale appropriate to our vision of personalized, transforming education. Please follow our progress on the MBC Website (go to *www.mbc.edu /strategic_plan/* and click on one of the links on the left). I invite your feedback through the e-mail addresses listed there.

I hope to see you as we travel across the country this year — or on campus.

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MBC in the News

Campus Changes Capitalize on Alumna's $6.5 Million Gift

PHOTO BY IAN BRADSHAW

An unprecedented $6.5 million gift from Bertie Deming Smith '48 was what the college needed to begin work on facility repairs and updates this summer. Mrs. Smith's previous gift of $500,000 was matched in 2004–05 by $1 million from other donors. As MBC President Fox announced to faculty and staff at the end of the last academic year, Mrs. Smith pledged an additional $6 million over the next three years to be matched equally by gifts from other donors. In total, her gift will produce $13.5 million for the college.

The first installment of Mrs. Smith's gift, $2 million, is being spent on campus planning and facility updates. Many projects were started and completed before students returned in August. New outdoor furniture and foliage at several locations, new paint on some buildings, landscaping, and vibrant new furnishings in Pannill Student Center are but a few of the projects already made possible by Mrs. Smith's generosity.

Mrs. Smith is the college's top cash donor cumulatively. Among many contributions to MBC, Mrs. Smith's family established the first endowed chair at a southern women's college in 1979, and gave major support to Mary Baldwin's acquisition and rehabilitation of the former Staunton Military Academy campus. The Bertie Murphy Deming Hall fine arts center, located on the former SMA campus, is named in her honor.

To see photographs of recent work on campus — and read Dr. Fox's State of the College address, visit *www.mbc.edu/college/stateofcollege_aug05.asp*. ▲

MBC'S SUNDANCE KID

Michela Harris '09 is the lead character in a feature-length film, *Uptown Sins*, filmed and produced in Richmond, Virginia, that may appear on the Sundance Film channel. The movie premiered October 15 and was released directly to DVD by Grey Ghost Films, *www.greyghostfilms.com*.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

History teachers from local school districts joined MBC professors to learn about the Civil Rights struggle from people who lived through it in Farmville, Virginia. The session, part of the Institute for Decisive Events in American History, is funded by a grant from the federal Department of Education.

NOTABLE NOBEL

Thomas Schelling, a recent Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar at MBC, was awarded a Nobel Prize in Economics. He was awarded the prize for research that fosters understanding of conflict and cooperation through game-theory analysis.

MBC Mourns Alumna Killed in Line of Duty

The Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership recorded a somber first September 19: the first death of an alumna in the line of duty. Air Force First Lieutenant Sarah Small '02 was killed in a vehicle accident while on duty near Alexandria, Egypt. Small was stationed at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Virginia as a public affairs officer. She was in Egypt supporting Exercise Bright Star, a recurring joint/combined training exercise. She had been in the Middle East for about two weeks, said Brig. Gen. N. Michael Bissell, VWIL commandant of cadets.

Sarah Small's family was told that she was traveling in the northern part of the country with two other servicemen and an Egyptian driver. She was ejected from the vehicle when it swerved off the road. Lt. Small, from Herndon, Virginia, arrived at Langley AFB in November 2003 and had been on active duty since 2002.

SERVICE PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SMALL FAMILY

"Sarah was a master at listening to people and saying the right thing to make them feel better," Bissell said. She dove into her role as the S-2 (publicity) officer for the cadet corps, and Bissell was fond of calling her "little chaplain" or "saint" for her way of helping other cadets work through problems.

Lt. Small was involved in many activities as a student, including four years in the Student Government Association. She was a political science major, and completed minors in communication and leadership studies. Sarah's oral communication skills and positive nature led her naturally into the career field of her choice, said Bruce Dorries, assistant professor of communication.

"It always amazed me how she was able to take on so much, do so well, and still be fun to hang out with and be a great friend," said Sarah's friend Kelley Clemens McElroy '03. Word about Small's death traveled quickly around the world through a network of alumnae. McElroy lives in Germany, where her husband is stationed, and she heard about the tragedy from another friend.

Like nearly everyone who wrote to the college following Sarah Small's death, McElroy remembered Lt. Small's infectious and ever-present smile.

As a writer at the Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center at Langley Air Force Base, Lt. Small wrote articles for military publications and online news sources, including Air Combat Command News Service and *The Communicator*. She received an Air Force Commendation Medal and an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, among other honors. She was also a candidate for the Lance P. Sijan Award (he was a soldier who refused to divulge military information when he was captured in Vietnam).

"Her warmth and caring were always evident; her friendship and support will be missed by all," said Brenda Bryant, VWIL director.

Her parents, William and Gloria Small of Herndon, Virginia, are likewise active with Mary Baldwin. They both served on the MBC Parents Council while she was a student, and Mr. Small was the president of the Parents Council. He continues to serve Mary Baldwin College through the Advisory Board of Visitors.

A military memorial service including an eight-gun salute was held October 7 at First Presbyterian Church just across the street from the MBC campus. Lt. Small was buried at Arlington National Cemetery December 2. Her family has requested that memorial contributions be sent to the college in their daughter's name. Funds could be used to establish an award or scholarship for a VWIL senior who is involved in community service. ▲

Remembering Sarah

Memories from dozens of others who were part of Sarah Small's life can be read at *www.mbc.edu/news*. Please e-mail your tribute to *malberts@mbc.edu*.

DRAMA QUEENS CONVERGE

Prospective students interested in theatre performance, writing, and directing took to the MBC stage for the first of what the admissions office hopes will be many focused recruiting weekends for different disciplines.

MBC GOES NUTS

Students, faculty, and staff celebrated National Squirrel Appreciation Week and honored the college's memorable mascot, Gladys the squirrel, by donning school-spirited clothes and ribbons, attending sports games, and having their picture taken with Gladys.

NORWICH CADETS

Two cadets from Norwich University in Vermont were enrolled at MBC in the VWIL program for the fall semester as part of a new exchange program. Next fall, two Mary Baldwin cadets will attend Norwich for a semester.

MBC Grad Heads to Japan on Fulbright Award

Her words are spoken softly, but they reveal an ambitious plan.

Mary Baldwin College 2005 graduate Roxanne Russell received a coveted Fulbright Scholarship to study for a full year in Japan. She left the United States in mid-September to examine the role and influence of Japanese media and popular culture on shaping public attitudes toward suicide. She will have the opportunity to delve deeper into the research she started for her undergraduate thesis in Asian Studies. She will read newspapers, watch television, explore the Internet, listen to music, and look at government suicide prevention policies. All this while she is 7,000 miles from her Charlottesville, Virginia home.

> 'Her award is a testament to her hard work, ability, and interest, and to the success of international study, PEG, and Asian Studies.'

Top of page, l to r: Roxanne Russell meets John Thomas Shieffer, U.S. Ambassador to Japan in Tokyo.

"I wanted to look at media and popular culture influences when I started formulating my project at MBC, but I realized I would need to wait, as this kind of research is best conducted while living in Japan," said Russell, who was also part of the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted at MBC.

Russell's unique research proposal and a command of the Japanese language that is rare for someone her age are among the reasons she earned the highly regarded Fulbright award. The stipend covers her travel, living expenses, and education — allowing her to pursue causes and remedies for Japan's growing mental health crisis.

Since it was established in 1946, the Fulbright program has awarded more than 255,000 grants in an effort to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of people, knowledge, and skills. About 96,500 Fulbright award recipients are from the U.S., and 158,500 are from foreign countries. Fulbright alumni include Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners, governors and senators, ambassadors and artists, Supreme Court Justices, and CEOs, according to the program's Web site at *www.exchanges.state.gov/education/fulbright*.

Russell's unassuming demeanor and gentle voice have helped her master Japanese language and customs. Much is communicated in spoken Japanese by tone of voice and accompanying gestures. An early lesson in Japanese language would likely include speaking traditional greetings and the bowing that goes with them, she explained.

Her unwavering passion for the country and its language — spoken and written — doesn't hurt, either.

Daniel Métraux, professor of Asian Studies, remembers Russell's intense interest in Japan from their first meeting when she was a young teenager applying for admission to Mary Baldwin. "She is the best Japanese language student I've had in 21 years," he said. "Her award is a testament to her hard work, ability, and interest, and to the success of international study, PEG, and Asian Studies."

Russell is a comfortable world traveler. She spent two semesters in Japan as an undergraduate student; during one of them she was a student at Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts, Mary Baldwin College's sister school in Kyoto. Trips with her family have also taken her to Switzerland, Australia, France, Germany, and Scandinavia.

"I am lucky to have resourceful parents who, despite frequent financial sacrifice, have not imposed barriers on our educational pursuits," she said.

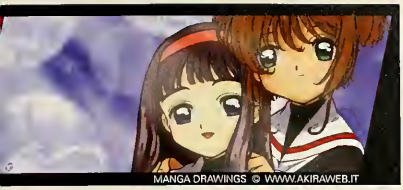
Russell traces her affinity for Japan to a childhood attraction to drawing and language. "My interest ... centered on my fascination with the Japanese language itself — the sound of the spoken word, the shape of the exotic characters — and the distinctive artistry and storytelling of Japanese manga, which are similar to American comic books," she wrote in her application essay for the Fulbright

RETENTION RISING

MBC's freshman retention rate — the number of students who are enrolled at MBC their freshman year and return for their sophomore year — jumped more than seven percentage points between 2003–04 and 2004–05.

EXPLORING THE ANTEBELLUM ERA

Alumnae/i attended the third annual Continuing Education Week to learn about clothing, music, furniture, and MBC's evolution in the era of Southern grace and gentility.



competition. In her proposal, she recommended taking a studio art class in manga design and production at a Japanese university. Russell also plans to take a course in mass communication that focuses on Japanese news media and the Internet, and a class in psychology or cultural anthropology to study mental health issues.

"I started watching Japanese cartoons and looking at manga books before I even understood the language," Russell said. By age 13, she was enrolled in a Japanese language course for adult learners, and she sought out the language and art forms wherever she could, particularly at the library. She earned distinction in her major at Mary Baldwin, was named the outstanding Asian Studies student of the year as a senior, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa — all as an 18-year-old.

Russell will write a research paper to present her findings, but the aspect of the project she is most looking forward to is offering a creative campaign to combat suicide that includes a pamphlet or poster illustrated with manga art. She plans to create a storyboard, solicit a professional mentor to publish the piece, and offer it for distribution through official channels in Japan.

"Studying abroad has made me calmer, I think," Russell says. "I've learned to deal with a lot of unusual situations with confidence. I probably wouldn't be going back to Japan so soon without the Fulbright, and that is where I feel like I need to be right now." ▲

faculty/staff acorns

Ann Field Alexander, professor of history and director of MBC's Roanoke center, served on a panel at the Festival of the Book in Charlottesville where she talked about her book, *Race Man*.

Jeffrey Buller, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, wrapped up his presidency of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South. His farewell address was titled "The Classical Association of the Future or 'What in the World Is to Become of the Past?'" Buller also gave a series of lectures, "Tales of Pilgrimage: Imagery and Stagecraft in Wagner," exploring *Tristan and Isolde, Lohengrin, Tannhäuser, Parsifal,* and *The Flying Dutchman* at the International Wagner Festival in Bayreuth, Germany.

Brenda Bryant was promoted to vice president of enrollment management and student life and dean of students. She also continues to work as director of VWIL.

Elizabeth Connell '92 returned to Mary Baldwin College as director of the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted. After graduating from MBC, she taught gifted students in private and public schools for 13 years. Elizabeth holds a master's and a doctorate in gifted and creative education from the University of Georgia.

Sara Nair James, professor of art history, attended the joint meeting of the Renaissance Society of America and its British equivalent — the Society for Renaissance Studies — in England. While there, she presented a paper, "Cardinal Wolsey, His Court, His King and the Italian Rhetoric of Magnificence." She also presented a paper, "Liturgy as a Source of Narrative Design in the Cathedral of Orvieto," at the Eucharist and Eschatology Conference in Italy. James authored a chapter, "Vasari on Signorelli: The Origins of the Grand Manner of Painting," in *Reading Vasari*.

Eric Jones, associate professor of biology, was awarded Mary Baldwin College's Karl F. and Patricia H. Menk Award for Faculty Support and Development. Jones used the award during his fall semester sabbatical to compile 18 years of experience documenting wildflowers of Virginia by transferring photos and information of more than 100 wildflowers to CD and the Web. Students will be able to use the database on CD on a laptop at habitat sites, where there typically is no Internet connection.

Fay Kelle, assistant professor of education, was a judge at the 2005 Virginia State Finals and the national finals for We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution. The program is administered nationally by the Center for Civic Education to help high school students understand the history and principles of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Lundy Pentz, associate professor of biology, was named the Caroline Rose Hunt Distinguished Chair in the Natural Sciences. The chair is named in honor of Caroline Rose Hunt '43, co-founder and owner of Lady Primrose's Royal Bathing and Skin Luxuries, honorary chairman of Rosewood Hotels and Resorts, and recent inductee into the Texas Business Hall of Fame.

Lallon Pond and **Ed Petkus**, associate professors of business administration and co-chairs of the department, were both named Bertie Wilson Murphy Distinguished Chair in Business Administration. The chair is named in honor of the mother of Bertie Murphy Deming Smith '48.

Sharon Spalding, professor of health and physical education and designer of the VWIL fitness program, presented at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. VWIL cadet Hope Albrecht '06 was her co-presenter for the session, "Physical Fitness Training in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership."

Patricia Westhafer, professor of education, gave a presentation, "Collaboration: The Path to Preparing Highly Qualified Education Professionals," at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education conference in Washington, D.C.

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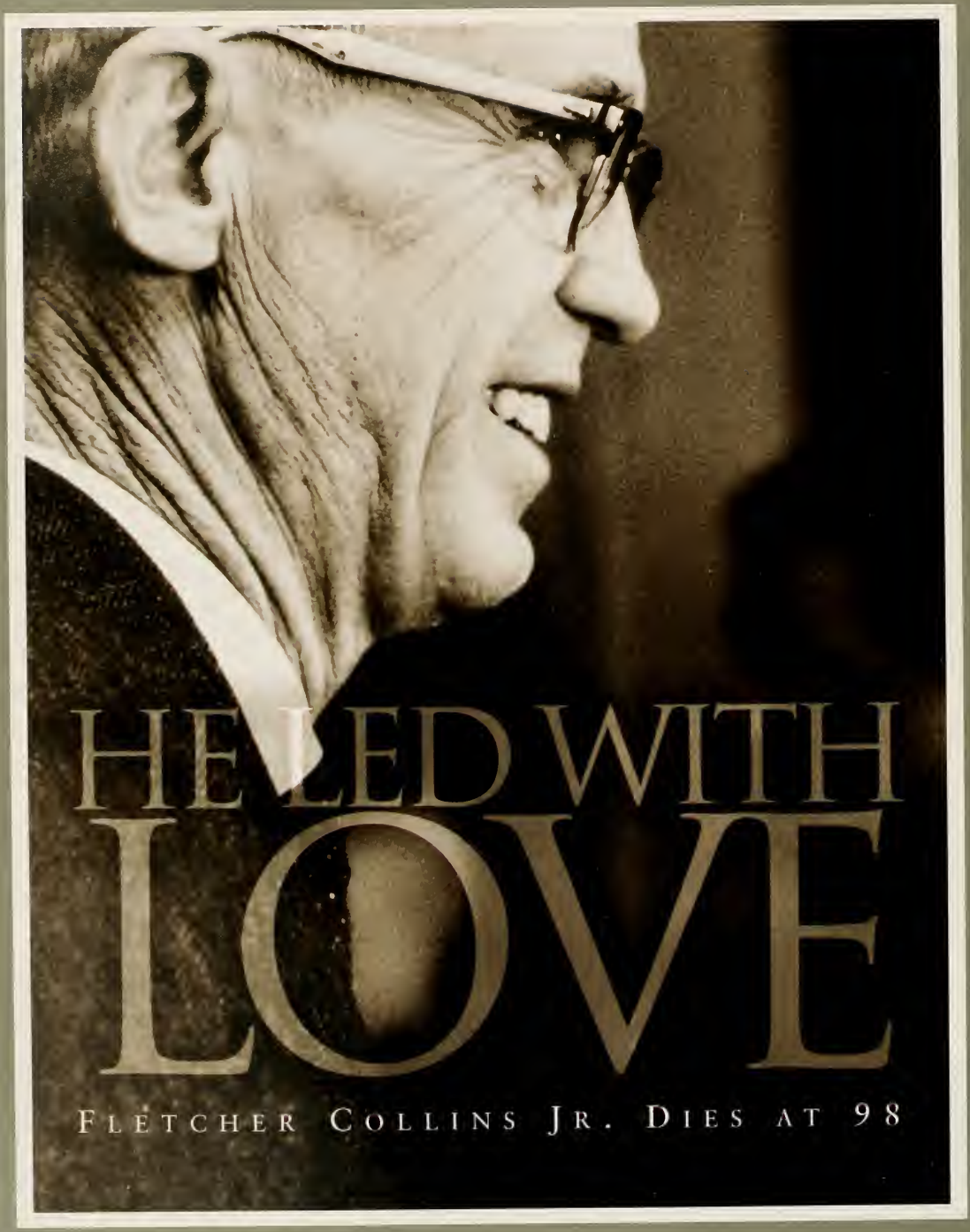
NOT JUST LIP SERVICE

Representatives from several non-profit community agencies visited the campus this fall to talk about their service experience and tell students how to volunteer. The Community Service Speaker Series started in 2004–05 and continues through the spring semester.

'GOLD STANDARD'

MBC's Health Care Administration Program received important certification from Association of University Programs in Health Administration, and is one of only 35 in North America and just two in Virginia to earn the distinction.



PHOTOS FROM COLLEGE ARCHIVES AND THE COLLINS FAMILY

By Dawn Medley

FLETCHER COLLINS JR., legendary Mary Baldwin College professor emeritus of theatre, hardly paused for old age. At 75, Fletch, as he was called by friends and family, was designated Cultural Laureate of Virginia. At 90, he said he shunned the idea of "acting old" in a local newspaper article. In his late 90s, he celebrated the 50th anniversary of Oak Grove Theater, the secluded woodland stage he created with his wife, Margaret, which has nurtured countless actors and booked sold-out performances for decades.

Those close to Collins knew he was getting older, but his unfailing spirit and vitality made it that much harder for people to say good-bye. Fletcher Collins, 98, died in his Staunton home, The Oaks, on May 6, 2005.

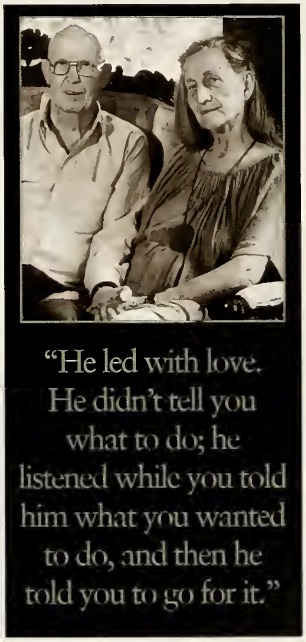
Always surrounded by music, Collins' former student, world-famous soprano Custer LaRue '74, stayed at his bedside through his last night, singing. Margaret Collins and their four sons had given him a music party just days earlier, singing and playing the old family favorites.

Collins' final large-scale project was to publish the first complete collection of Shakespeare's songs from plays in a book he titled *Bard's First Folio Songs from Shakespeare's Repertory* in 2004. Collins believed that most of the Bard's original songs had been omitted from modern productions, and he argued that they served an integral purpose.

Born in 1906 in Cleveland, Ohio, he earned his undergraduate degree and Ph.D. at Yale University. The education was first-rate, but he was quick to admit that the most fortunate event at Yale was meeting the woman who would become his wife. In April 2005, Fletcher and Margaret Collins celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary.

Before settling down — they have been rooted in the Shenandoah Valley for more than 50 years — on their farm just north of Staunton, Fletcher Collins had already built a respected reputation for scholarship and love of music and drama. He completed his dissertation at Yale, briefly taught English at Montclair (New Jersey) State Teacher's College, and moved on to infuse the Arthurdale, West Virginia coal-mining community with music and performance. In Arthurdale, the Collinses met and worked with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt — who helped create Arthurdale and other planned mining communities — and Fletch began collecting, recording, and transcribing traditional folksongs.

Collins taught English and led the theatre department at Elon College in North Carolina from 1936 to 1942. He continued collecting folksongs from relatives of Elon students and other notable balladeers, and he and Margaret performed a weekly series of folksongs on a radio station in Greensboro. Fletcher donated several hundred of the recordings to the Archive of American Folk Song at the Library of Congress. He also nurtured a growing interest in reviving medieval plays and setting them to music. He authored four books on the topic.



"He led with love. He didn't tell you what to do; he listened while you told him what you wanted to do, and then he told you to go for it."

In 1946 Collins started his 30-year tenure at Mary Baldwin College. He would soon recruit MBC students to perform during summers under the canopy of trees at Oak Grove, the outdoor theater he and Margaret created so their playwriting and directing would not need to take a seasonal hiatus. Oak Grove is one of the oldest amateur outdoor theaters in the country.

Linda Dolly Hammack '62 and Aurelia Crawford '74 were two of the students, dubbed "Oak Grove Girls," who frequently performed at the venue. Hammack and Crawford were also among the MBC students and community members involved in Theater Wagon, a traveling troupe of actors created by the Collinses that performed plays — including several written by Margaret — locally and abroad.

In 1979, Theater Wagon performed Fletcher Collins' transcription of *Visit to the Sepulcher* (*Visitatio Sepulchri*), a 12th century music-drama that recounts the story of the first Easter. The piece was filmed in France in 1979 in the Abbaye St. Benoit de Fleury in what is presumed to be its original setting. It received the Cine Golden Eagle Award in 1981 and was a finalist in the American Film Festival.

Hammack eloquently summarized Collins' teaching and directing style: "He led with love. He didn't tell you what to do; he listened while you told him what you wanted to do, and then he told you to go for it."

For his numerous contributions to MBC, the theatre in Deming fine arts center was named in his honor in 1983. In 1997, Margaret and Fletcher — ever inseperable — were given the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Non-Student Award. One of the highest honors bestowed by Mary Baldwin College, the award recognizes spiritual qualities, nobility of character, and unselfish service to the community.

At least one of Collins' courses at the college was so popular that students practically had to sign up as freshmen to take the class as seniors, said Ulysse Deportes, professor emeritus of art. Desportes worked with Collins for many years at MBC and on other theatre productions. "He lived and breathed theatre," Desportes said.

Collins' former student, Theresa Southerington '72, was encouraged by him to apply for his job at Mary Baldwin when he retired in 1977. She got the position and has worked at the college as professor of theatre for 28 years.

"I can't fill his shoes, but I am at least attempting to follow in his footsteps," said Southerington, who has also acted, directed, and produced many shows at Oak Grove. Much of the performing arts in the area grew out of what he and Margaret created, including ShenanArts, Waynesboro Players, and the Oak Grove music festival, she said.

Undoubtedly, there are many things about Fletcher Collins not noted here — his stint as a bat boy for the Cleveland Indians, his award for Distinguished Service to Theater in Virginia, and his work as editorial advisor on numerous books and magazines, to cite a few.

He was more than the sum of those activities and awards. He was spirited, scholarly, and unstoppable. He was, simply, "Fletch." ▲

New Trustees Support MBC Advantage

Margaret Wren de St. Aubin '81 and Donald M. Wilkinson III are the newest members of the 32-person Mary Baldwin College Board of Trustees.

Margaret Wren de St. Aubin '81

Margaret Wren de St. Aubin '81 owns and works as an agent for North Carolina Travel in her native Siler City, North Carolina. She divides her workday between North Carolina Travel and her duties as vice president and secretary of the family business, a group of holding companies under the name Wren Industries. She helps manage her family's foundation, Wren Foundation, through which the family contributes to educational institutions. While she was a student at MBC, she studied for a summer at University of Oxford, England, designed her own interdisciplinary major — a new concept at the time — in history and political science, and earned teaching certification. St. Aubin is excited about the emphasis on international opportunities included in the MBC Advantage.

Donald M. Wilkinson III

Wilkinson is chief executive officer of Wilkinson, O'Grady, & Company, Inc., a global investment management firm co-founded by his father in 1972. He earned his B.A. from Washington and Lee University and his M.B.A. from The Darden School at University of Virginia. As a student, Wilkinson interned at Banco Garriga Nogues, a bank in Madrid, Spain, where his mother, Lucinda "Luly" Pina Wilkinson, grew up and where he was born. Wilkinson's mother met his father, Donald Wilkinson Jr. in 1961, when she was an exchange student from Spain at Mary Baldwin and he was a cadet at Virginia Military Institute. He is an advocate for single-sex education and supports the study abroad opportunities detailed in the college's 10-year strategic plan. ▲

SAT Scores Rise 43 Points

The admissions office is working to reach an average SAT score of at least 1100 for incoming freshmen, an effort referred to as Scenario 1100. The average score of the entering freshman class this fall is 1065, up 43 points from 2004–05, said MBC President Pamela Fox. Brenda Bryant, vice president for enrollment management and student life and dean of students, said the increase is encouraging — more than the college expected to achieve in one year — and that the department will "continue to work to increase scores over the next few years." SAT scores are one of the primary indicators of academic readiness for college, and admissions looks at them with other factors to find students who are the best fit for MBC, Bryant said.

Although projected enrollment for the 2005–06 incoming class in the Residential College for Women is lower than the college's original goal at this point, the college administration chose to admit only students whose SAT scores would raise or maintain the average rather than focus solely on a quota. During the next few years, MBC may admit fewer students, Bryant said, but they will be students who are "ready for college and who are likely to succeed and remain at the college as contributing members of our community."▲

Funding Starts Renovation of Historic Rose Terrace

Two recent significant gifts will help save a campus building that appears on both the national and state registers of historic places. Rose Terrace, a brick Italianate house built in 1874, has been a family home, the college president's home, a student residence, La Maison Francaise — where only French was spoken — and office building since Mary Baldwin College purchased it in 1919. Unfortunately, its age is catching up with it, and repairs are needed.

SunTrust Bank, a longtime supporter of Mary Baldwin College, made one of the first major donations to fund renovation of Rose Terrace. The $25,000 gift was facilitated by Greg Godsey, market president of the Augusta/ Rockbridge area of SunTrust, and will allow work to begin soon on the roof of the 130-year-old building, said Judy Grey '65, MBC corporate and foundation gifts officer. Gwathmey Memorial Trust, a Richmond-based philanthropy organization that supports historic renovation, has also contributed $20,000 to the Rose Terrace fund. This funding is just the beginning of what is needed to restore the building's architectural grace and structural integrity.

The project is part of the college's comprehensive campus master plan, and it calls for exterior repair and historically accurate renovation to take place first, followed by

Innovative Minor Makes History

A liberal arts program in public history and a presidential library are joining forces. Mary Baldwin College and the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library (WWPL) are partnering to offer a unique interdisciplinary, internship-based undergraduate minor in public history beginning in fall 2006. The library was one of several community organizations identified as having potential for dynamic connections with MBC as part of the college's strategic plan.

Dr. Pamela Fox, president of MBC, and Eric Vettel, executive director of WWPL, signed an agreement to create the public history minor October 19. Academic work will likely involve archival and museum studies, art and architecture, historical preservation, oral history, popular culture, video production, and more. Internships at the library could include curatorial work, exhibit design, interpretation and living history, and museum administration, among others.

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"Students are the winners," comments President Fox. "They get the personalized, hands-on education that is Mary Baldwin's hallmark, plus the benefit of all the resources of the Wilson Library — especially the direct experience of working at the library with expert professional historians to guide them. This partnership is also good for the city of Staunton, adding yet another element to the amazing cultural and economic synergy."

Dr. Nancy Krippel, dean of adult and graduate studies at MBC, and Dr. Joel Hodson, director of education at the presidential library, spearheaded the new program — its creation and development. ▲

upgrades to the building's interior. The roof is the most pressing project, said Judy Grey, because leaks and cracks in the building's bricks are causing water damage.

Grey and her colleagues in MBC's Institutional Advancement Office are creating a list of alumnae who have lived in Rose Terrace and others interested in supporting the renovation. Please e-mail Grey at *jgrey@mbc.edu* with your name and others with whom you shared this beautiful residence. They welcome your stories and memories about the house. ▲

Positive Development in Institutional Advancement

Gerry Grim, who led the successful 2004–05 Annual Fund and revitalized class giving, has been named director of development. *ggrim@mbc.edu*

Jane Rapier Spence '98 was welcomed back to Mary Baldwin, this time as a major gifts officer. *jspence@mbc.edu*

Tina Kincaid '93 is leading the Annual Fund team as director of the annual fund. *tkincaid@mbc.edu*

Betsy Mason '69 has demonstrated outstanding commitment to MBC as volunteer chair of the Annual Fund. She is also chair of the Institutional Advancement Committee of the Board of Trustees.

MBC kicked off its annual phonathon. Spencer Society, a select group of student callers, contact alumnae/i and friends of the college for support. When possible, student callers are matched with the alumnae/i they call based upon things they may have in common — geography, majors, interests. This important work is one way for alumnae/i to reconnect with Mary Baldwin and support current students, programs, and mission of their alma mater.

The 2005-06 Spencer Society includes Harriet Blackwell '06, Renee Brill '06, Christi Davidson '08, Leigh Frame '06, Heather Hawks '06, Aliah Hines '06, Betsy Johnson '06, Kimbrick Knox '06, Ashley Lumbard '06, Cara Magolda '06, Lindsey Napoli '06, Karina Ngaiza '08, Mercedes Riddick '06, Molly Starks '07, Virtre Sterling '06, and Pa'Trika Thornton '07. ▲

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Betsy Mason '69

Enrollment 2005–06 Shows Strength

Mary Baldwin opened its 164th year this fall with an expanded orientation for new residential and commuter students and an enrollment of nearly 2,190, including a record number of students in the college's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program.

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MAT has 158 students, an increase of more than 30 in the last two years. Dean of Adult and Graduate Programs Nancy Krippel credited the success to Carole Grove, director of MAT, along with creative advertising and beneficial changes to recruiting materials that generated interest in the program. The MAT, attracting both recent college graduates seeking initial licensure and seasoned educators, is offered at MBC regional centers on campus and in Roanoke, Charlottesville, and Richmond.

Enrollment continues to boom in the highly selective master's program in Shakespeare studies (M.Litt./MFA), offered in partnership with the American Shakespeare Center. The 51 students include 19 newcomers and 12 — the largest number yet — who seek a master of fine arts.

The Adult Degree Program (ADP), one of the oldest in the country, boosted enrollment from 1,190 to 1,196. Students in the program can also attend classes in Charlottesville, Richmond, Roanoke, South Boston, and Weyers Cave to complete undergraduate studies, postgraduate teacher licensure, or a certificate program.

The college introduced 254 new students to the Residential College for Women (RCW), including 224 freshmen and 30 transfer students. Enrollment in the residential program reflects an exceptional and diverse group of students, chosen from an applicant pool of about 1,350. The freshmen are from states across the country and several countries overseas. About 36.3 percent of those entering are women of color: African American, Asian American, Hispanic, and Native American.

"The Class of 2009 has some of the most open and inspiring women I've met in my tenure at MBC. These women are motivated, driven, and they like to have fun. They definitely embody the spirit of 'work hard, play hard.'"
— Lesley Fondren '06, orientation 2005 student co-chair

"I'm really tickled with my advisees and the students in my classes this fall. They come to class prepared, participate readily, seek help with difficulties, and are mature beyond their age, on top of things, and adjusting well. They're fun to teach!"
— Virginia Francisco '64, professor of theatre

The college's signature programs continue to be strong. The Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG) has 27 new students. Each PEG student bypasses all or most of high school to become a full-time residential student at Mary Baldwin. The Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership numbers 125 this year with 40 nULLs, or new VWIL students, joining the ranks of the country's only all-female corps of cadets. ▲

"After observing the freshmen who arrived this year, we are fortunate to get such a nice group of young ladies. Even better is the opportunity they are getting — being mentored by our wonderful upper-class students who have traveled down the same road they are taking. I am looking forward to talking with as many of them as I can, and to the excellent years they will share with us."
— Robert Richardson, director of security

Faculty, Students Receive NIH Grants

Three students and four faculty members received grant funding from the National Institutes of Health to begin research this year on a variety of health-related topics. The program, called the Research Initiative Fund, is administered through MBC's Office of Sponsored Programs and Research Development.

Student Research Initiative Grants

Megan Huffman '06 & Elizabeth Hairfield *(faculty advisor)*, "Comparison of Resins by Headspace Analysis and GC-MS." $1,250. To study how incense releases different fragrance profiles when burned and when warmed. Has implications for determining the soothing and symptom relief effects of fragrances.

Randi Huo '06 & Lundy Pentz *(faculty advisor)*, "Inhibitory Properties of Nogo-A on Primary Salamander Neurite Cultures." $1,500. Nogo-A is a protein associated with membranes in central nervous system tissue in vertebrates. The study will provide information about whether inhibiting the production of Nogo-A would aid in recovery after a spinal cord injury.

Therese Landin '06 & Sharon Spalding *(faculty advisor)*, "A Comparison of Body Composition Techniques." $250. To study the accuracy of the method — measurements of neck, waist, and hips — used by the United States Armed Forces to determine body fat composition in women. Body fat percentage will be measured using three methods: skin fold, bio-electrical impedence feedback, and air displacement.

Faculty Research Initiative Grants

Andreas Anastasiou, *assistant professor of psychology,* and **Alice Araujo,** *associate professor of communication.* "Gender differences in the communication of empathy toward perceived adversarial groups." $6,600. To study the role of gender in conflict resolution.

Kathy McCleaf, *associate professor of health and physical education,* **Paul Deeble,** *assistant professor of biology,* **Steve Mosher,** *professor of health care administration and political science,* and **Lundy Pentz,** *associate professor of biology.* "Health Professions Advising Model." $4,200. To study how to improve academic advising for undergraduate women considering careers in health professions.

Allan Moyé, *director of communication lab and instructor,* and **Pat Hunt,** *college chaplain.* "Documenting Extraordinary Lives." $700. To produce student-directed, student-produced video documentaries of people on and around the MBC campus. The collection will begin an oral and visual history archive housed at the college.

John Ong, *associate professor of mathematics.* "Structured Treatment Interruption in HIV Dynamics." $5,500. To study how to optimize the timing and duration of medication "holidays," which are often used to lessen toxic drug reactions and resistance. ▲

SACS Reaffirmation Begins This Fall With New Rules

Fall 2005 marks the kickoff of an event that occurs every 10 years in higher education: reaffirmation of the college's accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Reaffirmation is a two-year process that will culminate in a campus visit in Spring 2007.

In most countries, colleges and universities are accredited by federal or regional government, but the United States has a unique approach. Most of the nation's 4,000 institutions of higher learning are accredited by one of six regional organizations that set and enforce standards determined by the membership. While regional accreditation is theoretically voluntary, it is a requirement for participation in most federal and state financial aid programs, so nearly all of the country's non-profit colleges and universities — and an increasing proportion of for-profit schools — go through the rigorous process.

SACS is the largest regional accreditor, covering the southeast from Virginia to Texas. MBC is in the third group of institutions to seek reaffirmation under a new set of rules that went into effect in 2003. The first phase, which lasts throughout the 2005–2006 academic year, features a compliance review. MBC must measure its compliance with 76 standards that cover every aspect of our operation, and provide extensive electronic documentation of our assessment. The compliance report will be reviewed by a peer committee in Atlanta in fall 2006. The second step is the centerpiece of the new reaffirmation process, the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The QEP requires that a new program be designed to improve student learning. Dean Jeffrey Buller will lead the faculty in selecting a topic for the QEP this fall and developing the proposal in the spring.

The reaffirmation effort is led by our SACS liaison, Lewis Askegaard, college registrar, associate dean, and director of institutional research. He is joined on the SACS leadership group by President Pamela Fox, Dean Jeffrey Buller, and Professor Steven Mosher. During the year, the committee contacts staff, faculty, and students in order to document MBC's progress. ▲

Under the Apple Trees

PHOTO FROM COLLEGE ARCHIVES - 1960s

PHOTO BY JENNY HOWARD, 2005

For the first time in nearly 30 years, students, faculty, and staff celebrated the college's annual Apple Day at an orchard, a location graciously offered by former MBC trustee Carole Lewis Anderson.

National and International Speakers Come to MBC

Mary Baldwin College welcomes numerous distinguished guests to campus. Some come as part of annual speaker programs sponsored by the generous contributions of donors; others are personally invited by faculty and students at Mary Baldwin. Here we share news about just a few of the more recent guest speakers.

Mary Robinson

Former President of Ireland

"Believe in something and be willing to pay the price," Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland, told those gathered for the Smyth Leadership Lecture at MBC. "Steel yourself to take criticism and know that you are standing up for what you believe."

Robinson, 61, was Ireland's first female leader, serving as president from 1990 to 1997. She first made national headlines in Ireland when she was elected to the Irish Senate (Seanad Éireann) in 1969. She campaigned for various women's issues including the right of women to sit on juries.

Robinson explained how she faced biting criticism shortly after being elected president for advocating for women's rights, specifically birth control and other forms of contraception.

Her address focused on the campaign for human rights that has encompassed much of her adult life. As United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997 to 2002, she went to locations such as Chechnya, Bosnia, Rwanda, and Sierra Leone, where the struggle for human rights is eclipsed by the struggle for survival.

Robinson cited the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the backbone of her responsibilities as High Commissioner and in her newest project, the Ethical Globalization Initiative, which advocates for considering human rights in the globalization process. The first article of the declaration is a powerful statement: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood."

The Smyth Leadership Lecture Series is made possible by the Smyth Foundation, an organization established by Mary Baldwin College trustee emeritus H. Gordon Smyth and his wife, Mary Beth Smyth '47.

Kaveh Shojania M.D.

Physician Author

Dr. Kaveh Shojania, a physician, professor, and author, spoke about patient safety and the ramifications of medical mistakes as speaker of the college's Carpenter Lecture. Shojania has appeared on national news shows including *Good Morning America* and CNN's *American Morning* to speak about the topic. He is assistant professor at University of Ottawa and continues to work as a clinician. He is also a scientist in the clinical epidemiology program at Ottawa Health Research Institute, where his research focuses on patient safety and quality improvement. He was recently awarded a five-year Canada Research Chair.

The Carpenter Lecture series draws leading figures in Health Care Administration. It is made possible by the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter '35 Foundation, a generous contributor to the health care administration program at MBC.

Pamela Baskervill '75

Judge of the Court

The Honorable Pamela Shell Baskervill '75, opened her Founders Day address by reminiscing about her years as a student. Celebrating Apple Day at the height of its popularity. Taking messages on hall phones (students did not have individual room phones). Having pride in the college's Honor Code. Although the daily details may have changed in 30 years, Baskervill recognized that the students in the audience were much like she and her friends were at that time in their lives. Mary Baldwin prepared her with lessons in leadership for life, she said.

"I learned how to think. I was critical, I asked questions, I studied, and I approached subjects from unique angles. What I lacked in rote knowledge, I made up for in technique," she said.

Baskervill is judge of the court of the 11th Judicial Circuit of Virginia. Her daughters, Susannah, MBC Class of 2004, and Ann, and husband Charles Baskervill, MBC Board of Trustees member, looked on from their seats in the audience. A political science major, both Baskervill and her daughter Susannah were Russell Scholars while at MBC.

"Leadership does not require a position or a title; it requires action," she said.

Founders Day, held annually on the first weekend in October (near the October 4 birthday of Mary Julia Baldwin), honors Miss Baldwin and Rufus W. Bailey as the two founders of MBC. Mr. Bailey founded Augusta Female Seminary in 1842, and Miss Baldwin shepherded the school thorough the dark days of the Civil War and transformed it into the rigorous seminary that was renamed in her honor in 1895. Seniors are invested by wearing their college caps and gowns publicly for the first time on Founders Day.

By Invitation from Faculty & Students

Evripides Evriviades, ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus, visited Mary Baldwin College as a guest of Andreas Anastasiou, assistant professor of psychology and native of Cyprus. Ambassador Evriviades spoke on campus about the challenges and opportunities Cyprus has had as a member of the European Union. ▲

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Pouring Over the Tea Service

In the winter 2004 *Mary Baldwin College Magazine,* we featured a picture of Dr. Pamela Fox and Donald Campbell. Mr. Campbell, son of former Mary Baldwin Dean Elizabeth Pfohl Campbell and former Board of Trustees Chair Edmund Campbell, loaned the college a coin silver sugar bowl and cream pitcher (pictured here) that originally belonged to Rufus Bailey. Those items are on display in the archive cabinet across from the Office of the President in the Administration Building. Elizabeth Pfohl Campbell willed a silver tea service and one dozen red Wedgwood plates to the college, and they are in use in the President's House. ▲

Copper Coins and Poetry? You Never Want to Miss Our Doenges Scholars!

By Dawn Medley

The copper coins flip end over end through the air, reflecting beams of sunlight from the classroom window. They land — silently on the carpeted floor or with a jingle on desktops — and each student finds a hidden "number" by adding up the points contained in three pennies: A tail equals two and a head is three.

The sets of coins fly into the air again; five more times, generating a set of six numbers for every person. Each number equates to a yin (broken) line or a yang (solid) line. The patterns are interpreted by an ancient Chinese text that has been translated and modernized for 21st-century American students.

It's an unconventional activity for a poetry class at Mary Baldwin College, but visiting scholar Arthur Sze knows what he is doing. He has just led eager pupils through an ancient Chinese exercise — consulting the culture's legendary oracle, I Ching, to gain a deeper understanding of their life's path. Before students threw the coins, they wrote a question related to a situation about which they needed clarity. After the exercise, they will write verses about the experience and the answer.

Exploration of the mystery of the I Ching is just one of the unique ideas Sze shared during his three-week May Term course as Mary Baldwin's 2004–05 Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Doenges Visiting Scholar.

Sze was nominated for the Doenges by Robert Grotjohn, MBC associate professor of English. "He is one member of an important group of poets whose work is shifting the face of American poetry by incorporating Asian influences," Grotjohn said.

Nature imagery is poignant and abundant in Sze's work, as demonstrated in an excerpt from "The Chromatics of Dawn" in his latest book, *Quipu*:

"Navel oranges ripen on branches near the steps/ to a porch. He recalls zigzagging along a path/ marked by white stones through a lava flow/ to a beach where violet morning glories flared."

"You could say I am a 'science dropout,'" said Sze, a second-generation Chinese American who grew up in a family with traditional Chinese values and respect for ancient Chinese literature and Taoism. He was accepted at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and planned to follow in his father's footsteps in chemical engineering. Instead, Sze started to write poems, and, after two years and a poetry workshop with acclaimed writer Denise Levertov, he headed west to Berkeley.

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A professor and mentor at University of California at Berkeley let him create his own major in poetry. By age 21, he published his first book, *The Willow Wind*, which showcased his adeptness at translating ancient Chinese poems, and composing his own. His eighth book, *Quipu*, was published in fall 2004 and highlights his continuing fascination with narratives in diverse cultures. Quipu are bundles of string dyed and knotted in varying patterns used by ancient Inca communities to store important data, communicate messages, and record stories critical to their civilization.

Although Sze is considered prolific by many standards, he said his creative process is lengthy. "Writing my own poems will, I think, always be the more demanding calling for me," Sze said. "If I have 12 finished pages at the end of a year, it is a good year."

"I thought it would be daunting to work with someone who is so accomplished and well-known in the literary world, but he is so approachable that I just opened myself up to learn from him," said Katherine Wood '06, an Asian Studies major.

English major Bethany Pope '05 signed up for Sze's class in hopes of pushing her writing in a new direction. "I'm fascinated by this hybrid form we have been working with, which includes prose and a haiku at the end, or haiku interspersed throughout a piece. It's not like you have the chance to take this kind of class at any time at any college. It has shed light on a culture and creative process I knew little about." ▲

2005–06 Doenges Scholar: Francine Prose

Author Francine Prose, a Brooklyn-born cultural satirist and author of more than 20 books, is the 2005–06 Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Doenges Scholar. Prose's first novel was published when she was 26, and her *Blue Angel* was a finalist for the National Book Award. Another of her works, *Household Saints*, was made into a 1993 film directed by Nancy Savoca and starring Lili Taylor, Tracey Ullman, and Vincent D'Onofrio. Her latest book, *A Changed Man*, was published in March 2005. It chronicles the life of a 32-year-old former neo-Nazi skinhead who becomes a media celebrity after publicly renouncing racism.

PHOTO COURTESY OF FRANCINE PROSE

"'Write what you know' is one of the most familiar writing clichés," says Richard Plant, Mary Baldwin professor of English and the faculty member who recommended Prose as the Doenges Scholar. "My impression of Francine Prose is that she asks what she needs to know to explore a subject and write a specific book, and then immerses herself so thoroughly in that subject that the resulting work — fiction or nonfiction — carries the authenticity of a dedicated scholar's field report."

"That curiosity and suppleness of mind should provide MBC students with a valuable illustration of how the liberal arts can create a lifelong habit of mind," Plant said.

Prose has the ability to empathize and inhabit the skin and the worlds of characters very different from herself and from each other, Plant said. The same writer who lovingly depicts Italian-American family dynamics in *Household Saints* has also written about sexual politics played out in academe in *Blue Angel* and about modern American hate groups in *A Changed Man*. Plant and the other members of the Doenges selection committee were also impressed by Prose's record of teaching residencies at some of the nation's most prestigious colleges, universities, and writing conferences.

Prose earned her B.A. in English literature from Radcliffe College in 1968. She started a graduate program at Harvard in medieval English literature, then left to spend a year in India, where she began her first novel, *Judah the Pious*. Prose also has written several short story collections, translations, and five children's books. Her work has appeared in *Atlantic Monthly*, *Harper's Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, and other magazines. She is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, and she traveled throughout the former Yugoslavia on a Fulbright Creative Writing Fellowship.

Prose gave a public reading on campus January 15, and she will teach a course, Reading Like a Writer, during May Term 2006. ▲

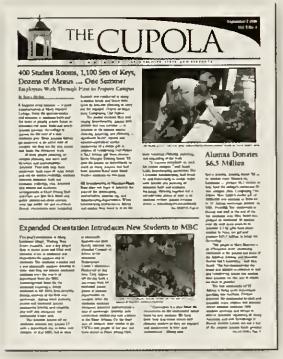
Excerpt from *A Changed Man*, 2005 by Francine Prose

"Nolan pulls into the parking garage, braced for the Rican attendant with the *cojones* big enough to make a point of wondering what this rusted hunk of Chevy pickup junk is doing in Jag-u-ar City. But the ticket-spitting machine doesn't much care what Nolan's driving. It lifts its arm, like a benediction, like the hand of God dividing the Red Sea. Nolan passes a dozen empty spots and drives up to the top level, where he turns in beside a dusty van that hasn't been anywhere lately. He grabs his duffel bag, jumps out, inhales, filling his lungs with damp cement-y air. So far, so good, he likes the garage. He wishes he could stay here. He finds the stairwell where he would hide were he planning a mugging, corkscrews down five flights of stairs, and plunges into the honking inferno of midafternoon Times Square."

You Say Coo-pa-li, I say Cue-po-la

This fall, Mary Baldwin debuted *The Cupola*, a new newspaper for faculty, staff, and students published by the office of Communication, Marketing, and Public Affairs. It is published on the first Tuesday of each month.

If the word "cupola" does not roll off your tongue, you're not alone. There were many entertaining pronunciations during the newspaper's introductory month; among the favorites (we won't mention names) are "coo-pee-o-lee" (a type of pasta served with marinara sauce?) and "cup-a-la" (something you could order in place of a cup of coffee?).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Expanded Orientation Introduces New Students to MBC

The correct pronunciation is, according to trusty Mr. Webster, "kyü-pə-lə." Here's a cheat sheet for future reference: "Q-pull-a," with emphasis on the first syllable.

Explaining what a cupola is provides a perfect opportunity to highlight one of MBC's most distinguishing architectural features. A cupola is defined as "a small structure built on a roof." Mary Baldwin's version is the ornate dome-shaped piece adorned with a pineapple — a traditional symbol for hospitality — atop Lyda B. Hunt Dining Hall. It is part of the college logo and is featured in numerous photographs with picturesque clouds surrounding it. It is inseparable from Mary Baldwin College's public image.

The cupola has not always been one of the college's trademark symbols. Hunt Dining Hall was not constructed until 1960. According to the college history, *To Live in Time* by Patricia Menk, professor emerita of history: "The building did have some unusual features for a college building. The cupola atop the roof ... is a yearly challenge as maintenance men mount a Christmas star each December." The Christmas star disappeared years ago, but the cupola retains its stature in MBC imagery.

The newspaper is named in recognition of the cupola as a distinctive feature of the college. The cupola is to Mary Baldwin what colonnades and quads may be to other colleges and universities. It is distinctly ours. It was not the first title that was suggested for the newspaper, but it is one that conveys meaning and sense of place. ▲

U.S. News Lists MBC in Top Tier for Fourth Year

In its fourth year of classification as a master's-level university, Mary Baldwin College continues to be named among the best colleges and universities in the country, according to the latest annual rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*. The college was listed in the top tier of master's-level universities in the South for the fourth year in a row, with a ranking of 31 out of 130 schools in the category.

"The data that places us in the top tier year after year clearly shows an important element of our success: the low student to faculty ratio — 10 to 1 this year — and small average class size," MBC President Pamela Fox said.

Mary Baldwin's student-to-faculty ratio and average class size are lower than most other schools in the category; only four schools in the comparison group of 130 have a lower student to faculty ratio, and only 14 have a higher percentage of classes with 20 or fewer students. For the magazine's complete listing, visit *www.usnews.com*

The Communication, Marketing, and Public Affairs department designed and placed an ad for the southern print edition of *U.S. News & World Report* for the August edition of the magazine – Best Colleges in America. The full page, four-color ad on page 15 reflects the college's vibrant new color palette and messaging targed to a new generation of college students — millennials — which will be the focus of admissions materials now and going forward.

Mary Baldwin was also recognized again this year as one of the best colleges in the southeast by *The Princeton Review*. The expanded online site at *www.princetonreview.com* offers online application and a feature that invites students to gauge their chances of admission. ▲

Doors are always being opened at Mary Baldwin College.

Residential College for Women:
- Student body: 900 women; 31% American ethnic minorities
- 10 to 1 student/faculty ratio; average class size 17
- 30+ distinctive majors, with study-abroad opportunities for every student
- Over 250 student leadership positions; 34 recognized student organizations
- Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa chapters, plus 10 more honor societies
- Division III athletics: basketball, cross country, field hockey, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, and volleyball
- 40% of alumnae earn graduate degrees
- Recent graduates include Fulbright, Truman, Jack Kent Cooke, and Eisenhower scholars
- Located in vibrant downtown Staunton, Virginia, near Shenandoah National Park

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- Master of Arts in Teaching
- MLitt/MFA in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature in Performance (in partnership with the American Shakespeare Center)

WHETHER YOU ALREADY KNOW what you want or have yet to discover your passions, Mary Baldwin College offers multiple avenues to achievement — through our extraordinary commitment to personalized education, through the 10 key experiences we call the MBC Advantage, through our signature programs, and in countless other ways. We know how to help you discover where you want to go ... and exceed even your own expectations.

Our commitment to personalized education begins with professors who know more than your name: they know *you*. They help you navigate through that all-important first year and guide you through the rigors of original research and creative projects. They see to it that you get the hands-on experience that puts you a step ahead in graduate school and career. They take your achievement personally.

The MBC Advantage integrates everything you learn through a first-year program, leadership skills development, international and multicultural connections, personalized wellness plans, individual learning plans and portfolios, and learning communities that provide support and connections throughout your four years. Lifelong friendships are forged in our welcoming and diverse campus community, where high ethical standards are embodied in a cherished Honor Code.

MBC's signature programs provide opportunities available nowhere else. The Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership is the only all-female cadet corps in the country. The Program for the Exceptionally Gifted brings together extraordinary young women from around the globe. Or you can join our Interfaith Village. These and other program options allow you to tailor your college experience to match your dreams.

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Academic Distinction:
Mary Baldwin's Version is a Constellation of Excellence

An essay by Dr. Jeffrey Buller
vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college

"Academic distinction" has become a buzzword. Nearly every college and university is focused on a handful of academic programs — calling them "Pillars of Excellence," "Steeples of Distinction," or the like — touting the ways these programs are set apart from disciplines bearing almost identical names at other institutions.

The irony is that the ways in which colleges and universities tend to argue that their programs are "distinctive" — superior teaching, a caring and dedicated faculty, small class size — always ends up making them seem so alike.

One of the great things about Mary Baldwin is that we've always looked at academic distinction in a different way. Rather than isolated "Pillars," we've taken exceptional care to achieve a high level of quality in *all* our academic programs. If we don't think that we can offer a program that's up to our standards, we don't. It doesn't matter how "hot" that particular discipline may be according to fads and surveys. The same goes for faculty members. If we think a candidate isn't sufficiently dedicated to the quality of teaching, isn't the sort of person who'll put students first, and won't be effective in leading students to achieve their highest potential, we don't hire them. Quality of instruction is the single most important thing we consider when we evaluate a faculty member, consider someone for promotion, or grant tenure.

Mary Baldwin's approach to academic distinction is that we're not interested in a few, isolated patches of excellence; we're interested in constellations of excellence. It's part of our liberal arts heritage. The liberal arts are about making connections — seeing patterns that people haven't seen before, transferring skills from one aspect of our lives to another, using our talents to combine with the talents of others for the greater good — all kinds of connections between ideas, people, methods, approaches, and disciplines. Mary Baldwin's approach isn't about raising one steeple higher than all the others but bringing a greater synergy and strength to every discipline.

One example of this is our constellation of disciplines devoted to the helping professions and social services. Just about everyone knows how terrific our health care administration (HCA) program is. Talk about unique: It is the *only* endowed undergraduate program in health care administration anywhere in North America. And there are fewer than 40 undergraduate programs that are even fully certified by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration, and ours is one of them. There are about 200 MBC graduates of this program now at work in hospitals, nursing homes, home health organizations, insurance companies, assisted living facilities, and governmental agencies. Many other graduates from the program have gone on to top graduate schools in the United States and Canada.

So what makes health care administration such a good program at Mary Baldwin? What sets it apart? It isn't the size of our faculty or the lavishness of the research funding we can give. It is the commitment, dedication, and interaction of the faculty in HCA with other programs at the college that also focus on service, management, and leadership. HCA is distinctive because it's a professional program with its heart in the liberal arts. It is the interconnectedness of the HCA curriculum to our programs in business administration, sociology, economics, anthropology, and other disciplines that sets it apart. Our strength resides, not in a pinnacle, but in a connection.

At Mary Baldwin, the faculty in health care administration and a discipline like political science do not compete for students; they are colleagues providing an excellent educational experience. Some HCA faculty members hold joint appointments in the department of political

'Mary Baldwin's approach isn't about raising one steeple higher than all the others but bringing a greater synergy and strength to every discipline.'

science. One of our political scientists serves on the Health Care Administration Advisor Board. We have an HCA faculty member who serves on the Staunton City Council. That's important because it means students who leave Mary Baldwin to enter the field of health care understand how political processes work and the role government plays in providing health services to citizens.

Similarly, students who are interested in the study of political science get a richer experience because of the talent we have in health care administration. A student majoring in political science doesn't just get the benefit of the excellent faculty in that discipline, they get a higher level of experience from the cooperative interactions of our entire faculty. Plus, consider the advantages of studying government in a location close to Richmond and Washington DC with internship opportunities in places like the White House, Congress, the governor's office, state legislature, executive agencies, and local law firms. It gives our program an edge.

If the liberal arts are about making connections, they're also about drawing your own conclusions from primary sources of information, doing research yourself, and having direct contact with data. Many political science programs don't introduce students to quantitative analysis until graduate school. For our students, exposure to statistical packages like SPSS and data sources like National Election Studies occurs throughout the undergraduate curriculum. Students get hands-on experience through simulations: legislative, judicial confirmations, congressional campaigns, White House media, mock political party conventions, and so on.

A large number of political issues have economic dimensions. So, one of the benefits of having a whole constellation of excellent programs in human services and government is that political science students have an opportunity for superior exposure to economics courses, and vice versa. Like our political science program, our department of economics ensures that even undergraduates have a great deal of exposure to the data that drive their discipline and develop the skills needed for practical data analysis. At Mary Baldwin, economics majors take two applied statistics courses taught in computer labs by dedicated professors whose cutting edge research complements their teaching, instead of distracting them from it. We give students a chance to explore economic issues on computers equipped with the very same statistical software widely used in the corporate world. Even at the introductory level, fully a quarter of the coursework is devoted to international economic issues, as well.

Students with an interest in global perspectives and social inequalities will find that Mary Baldwin's economics program is distinctive, not because it's an isolated area of excellence, but because of its collaboration with programs like political science, international studies, sociology, and social work. The department of sociology and social work, too, emphasizes international perspectives throughout its curriculum and provides students with opportunities to learn firsthand through internships and field instruction. Several courses in sociology and social work have service-learning components each year.

The nexus of disciplines that prepares students to enter the helping professions doesn't just include social sciences; it also encompasses natural sciences like biology and biochemistry that are essential for individuals interested in medicine or nursing, and it encompasses behavioral sciences like psychology. Our department of psychology is truly unique as an undergraduate program because of the opportunity for research and the requirements for research it imposes. We believe that direct access to knowledge through research shouldn't be reserved for a select few students. Just as our disciplines grow stronger as part of a larger mass of academic fields, so do our students become stronger through what they learn in their own research and what they are then able to teach others. In psychology, as in many of our science programs, we conduct research training on the "mentor model" that is most often used in graduate programs. Each psychology major is paired with a faculty member who guides her research project from conception to final presentation.

Perhaps most important of all, these student researchers are required to make formal oral reports of progress. The goal is to complete a project that can be reported or presented at a professional level. The level of success that our psychology students have had is truly distinctive. Over the past several years, not just our most select students but students from all levels of the program have co-authored and published a number of professional articles. Students have also made numerous presentations at national meetings, including those of the American Psychological Association, the American Psychological Society, and Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology, among others.

Similarly in biology, each student completes a research-based thesis. For their capstone experience, biology majors design a research project around a question of individual and significant interest, and then conduct that research with faculty supervision. Because of the sophistication of this research, the process begins in the spring of the junior year when students learn the basics of statistical analysis and the mechanics of writing a thesis. In the fall of their senior year students construct a formal research proposal and begin their project. Research continues throughout the spring term of a student's senior year and culminates in an oral defense of the written thesis.

We regard a flow of ideas from health care administration to political science to economics to sociology and social work to psychology to biology (and vice versa) as essential. These are disciplines that are too often divided by walls of a departmental structure or located in different schools or isolated as "pillars" or "steeples" of excellence. At Mary Baldwin, we achieve distinction through the strength of the connection. That's what the liberal arts are about, and that's what Mary Baldwin College is about. It's the power of association that marks our real distinction. ▲

View Online

The first phase of the architects' work for the Campus Master Plan, a needs analysis, is available online by visiting the MBC homepage and clicking on the button "Composing Our Future (10-Year Strategic Plan.") The needs analysis is in the left hand column under "Campus Planning."

CAMPUS MASTER PLANNING 101

By Dawn Medley

If Phillip Renfrow and John Wittmann — the architects guiding Mary Baldwin College's campus master planning — were teaching an undergraduate course about the work they have done at MBC since May 2005, the first class might begin like this: "First, you should understand what the Mary Baldwin campus master plan is, and what it is not. The master plan does not address, in detail, each person's concerns. It is not a step-by-step plan for planting a tree right here or building a residence hall over there. But, it should be inspiring. It provides ideas and options for using the existing campus spaces in innovative ways and looking at the college from a different perspective. It is broad and imaginative. The next step is up to the college."

Renfrow and Wittmann — of the Alexandria, Virginia-based firm Geier Brown Renfrow Architects —have been unofficially educating students, faculty, and staff about the process for the past several months. Their plan for the college, which the pair cautions will be a draft version that will be altered as resources and priorities change, will be unveiled to the campus and community in early 2006. It has been almost a decade since MBC underwent such comprehensive facility planning, said Jane Pietrowski, MBC's vice president of business and finance.

During numerous visits to campus during the summer and fall, the architects' activities have ranged from formal meetings with President Pamela Fox and the Board of Trustees to impromptu stops at many offices and wandering the grounds to find the campus' hidden treasures. Each visit is carefully planned. Each bit of information carefully recorded.

"In the first phase — the discovery phase — there is a lot of careful observation," Wittmann said. "It may not look like we're doing a whole lot, but it is absolutely critical to find out as much as we can about the campus."

In September, all faculty and staff were invited to Wittmann's on-campus presentation of the first phase of the architect's work, a needs analysis. The document was also made available online. Wittmann explained the team's observations about the college's image, parking availability, pedestrian circulation, outdoor gathering spaces, and several other aspects. He and

MBC President Pamela Fox encouraged faculty, staff, and students to respond with questions and suggestions.

Although they have completed nearly 20 campus planning projects between them, this is Wittmann and Renfrow's first joint campus master plan project. The team's discovery phase stretched from the end of the spring 2005 semester through the summer. They talked in detail with the college's Board of Trustees and groups of faculty, staff, and students who convened specifically for the process. At the core of their discussion were questions about what it is like to be a Mary Baldwin student, faculty member, or staff member. The architects visited employees in most offices on campus to get visual information about space and workflow. Feedback was also collected through an online student survey. Studying data maps, drawings, photos, and written information about the campus' history and specifications are other significant parts of their research.

Renfrow, who designed MBC's PEG Center and renovations of the Administration Building and McClung Residence Hall, enjoyed finding the lesser-known parts of campus, and the traditions and events associated with them. In this early phase, the team looked at the campus through the eyes of as many different groups of people as possible. They took the admissions walking tour geared toward prospective and new students, met with the college archivist, and tagged along with students, faculty, and staff. "Everyone we've met has been engaging and eager to participate and get these things rolling," Wittmann said.

Renfrow and Wittmann are looking for ways to make a big impact for the least cost. It is unlikely that they will recommend immediate construction of many new buildings or suggest other large-scale renovations. Among Mary Baldwin's unique characteristics — no surprise to those who have studied, worked, or even visited — are its steep changes in elevation and the separation between the original MBC campus and the former Staunton Military Academy (SMA) buildings and grounds that the college acquired in the 1970s. "To put it delicately, the campus is 'topographically challenged,'" Renfrow said. "The two sections are separated by an expanse of parking lots. The former SMA campus and the postcard images from the crest of Cannon Hill are untapped assets." The master plan will seek to make use of that space in innovative ways.

The team's work doesn't stop at MBC's boundary line. Meetings with movers and shakers on the downtown Staunton arts, retail, and events scenes have given them ideas about how to connect the college and the city through campus planning.

Although the campus master plan is not yet complete, improvements that address some of the planning goals began in earnest during summer 2005. A significant gift from alumna Bertie Murphy Deming Smith '48 jump-started short-term facility improvements — such as painting, new furniture, and consolidation of college departments — that will ultimately fit in to the overall campus plan.

"We enjoy campus planning because of its variety," Renfrow said. "One day you are working on a parking lot, the next on a residence hall, the next on a historic building. It is gratifying because we know that educational institutions need us to make the most out of what they have." ▲

Sign up to be part of the Campus Master Plan discussion forum by sending a blank e-mail message to CampusMasterPlan-Subscribe@mbc.edu, *and watch for news about when campus and community gatherings will be held to introduce the plan.*

Planner Profile:

Phillip Renfrow

Phillip Renfrow (r), a partner in Geier Brown Renfrow Architects, is no stranger to the MBC campus. Renfrow was involved in designing the residence hall for the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted, which opened in 2002, and he earned a Historic Preservation Award from the City of Staunton for his role in the renovation and restoration of the Administration Building. Renfrow's specialty is higher education projects, which have been his focus for about 25 years. He has worked on campus planning and renovation at University of Virginia, Gallaudet University, Trinity University, and Capitol College, among others. Outside higher education, Renfrow was also part of the architectural team that earned an American Institute of Architects Historic Resources Award for a renovation and addition at the Sears World Trade Center in Washington DC.

John Wittmann

John Wittmann (l) has more than 20 years of experience designing a wide variety of building types. Since 1992, he has focused on planning and design services for college and university campuses, including Smith College, Lawrence University, and University of Dubuque. A graduate of Syracuse University, Wittmann has worked with Geier Brown Renfrow Architects since 2001. His unique approach to campus planning takes into consideration the pressure on educational institutions to make the most effective changes with limited resources. Wittmann enjoys working in a campus environment where he can see firsthand the benefit of educational institutions.

Campus TRUTH or Tall TALE?

By Jenny Howard and Dawn Medley

There is an early painting of the front lawn of the Administration Building that has perplexed MBC President Pamela Fox since she first saw it. The building looks much like it does today. It sits atop a hill that rises from an early dirt version of Frederick Street. But there are two unfamiliar objects in the foreground of the lawn — fountains.

Artists often romanticize the view of their subjects to add drama or intrigue. Was this what the painter had done, adding two gorgeous fountains to the front lawn to "dress up" the scenery? There are no remnants of fountains in that spot today. Is it campus fact or fiction?

A place that is as steeped in history, tradition, and lore as Mary Baldwin College is bound to have mysteries connected to its buildings and grounds, and the 164-year-old college does not disappoint. Here, we take a look at four of Mary Baldwin's storied structures and explain what we've found to determine whether they are truths or tall tales.

Fountain-Finding

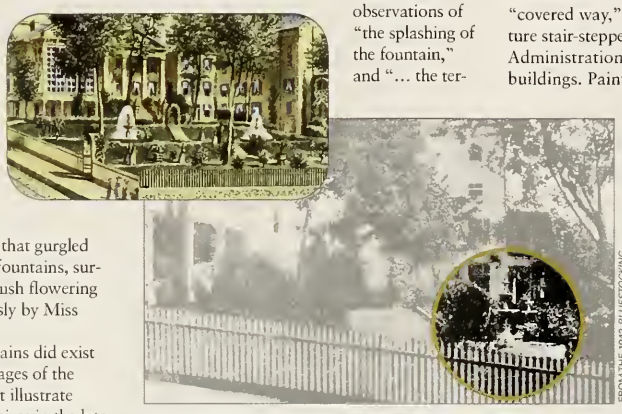
There was no need for artists to embellish the front lawn of the stately Administration Building during Mary Julia Baldwin's era as principal of Augusta Female Seminary. The focal point of the entrance to the seminary, which later became Mary Baldwin College, was an elaborate garden leading up to the main building. It was complete — indeed — with two fountains that gurgled water on special occasions. The fountains, surrounded by trees, greenery, and lush flowering plants, were cared for meticulously by Miss Baldwin herself.

Our first clue that the fountains did exist were drawings on the first few pages of the 1942 *Bluestocking* yearbook that illustrate fountains of varying shapes and sizes in the late 1800s. There are no fountains, and only a few other adornments, in the drawing dated 1860, but by 1870 water cascades from two fountains flanking the steps to the Administration Building. The fountains and the landscaping grow increasingly elaborate in drawings dated 1875 and 1880, the period that marks the middle of Mary Julia's leadership as principal.

But we needed hard evidence. Photographs, not drawings, would be more conclusive. We found those, too. In the bound volumes of MBC student handbooks, several photographs offer glimpses of fountains. Although the photographs are not dated, they appear as early as the 1908–09 academic year and continue for several years. Confusing the issue is the fact that there are photos of the Administration Building with a stripped-down front lawn — sans fountains — interspersed with those showing fountains.

Written accounts documenting the fountains were the last piece we needed to make the call between fact or fiction. This, from *The History of Mary Baldwin College, 1842–1942* by Mary Watters, gives a definitive picture: "Below were the fountains filled with gold fish and aquatic plants surrounded by flowers." Other accounts in the book from visitors to the college include observations of "the splashing of the fountain," and "... the terraced yard with its lawns and fountains." The 1942 yearbook comes in handy again, noting, "The front terraces were enclosed by a white paling fence. The lawns were embellished with circular flower beds. And, upon special occasions, the cast-iron fountains ... bubbled with water decorously into their two-tiered basins," in a description of the campus' appearance between 1882 and 1902.

Mystery still surrounds the fountains, though. We cannot pinpoint in what year they appeared or when and why they were removed.



FROM THE 1942 *BLUESTOCKING*

Photographic evidence of fountains in front of Administration from the Mary Baldwin catalog 1911-12. Inset, top: An artist's sketch of the front lawn dated 1880 that set Dr. Fox to wondering...

When the Covered Way Was the Only Way

College women today pay a lot of attention to their appearance, but in the late 1800s and early 1900s, meticulous hair styles and clothing were essential. The outdoor elements could do untold damage to a student's coif when walking from dorm to class and between classes. Being cold, hot, wet, or sunburned on any given day was not desirable, either.

In the 1890s, Mary Baldwin Seminary had the answer: A covered walkway. Dubbed the "covered way," the completely enclosed structure stair-stepped up campus hills between the Administration Building and other main buildings. Painted white and outfitted with windows every few feet, the covered way was not only a favorite passageway for students, but also for pesky skunks and other rodents, according to college archivist William Pollard.

"I thought it was just wonderful to be able to go from my room in Sky High to class or to the dining hall without even putting on a coat to go outside," said Ethel Smeak '53, professor emerita of English. The covered way was not heated, but it sheltered its occupants enough that they did not

FROM THE 1917 *BLUESTOCKING*.

A section of the covered way (Rose Terrace just visible behind it) — going up hill and down!

have to dress for the cold too often. "Actually, I don't know that we thought about it that much; it was just there and it was what we were used to," Smeak added.

The unusual structure appeared in many pictures until it was demolished in 1961, when the rodent population was too large to control and campus expansion made it impractical to connect more buildings. "It was a shock to come back to campus and see that it was gone, but I understand why it wasn't useful anymore. And it was quite smelly," Smeak said.

What Lies Beneath?

At colleges and universities across the nation there are those who believe their campus houses underground secrets. Generations of students hand down rumors of clandestine, subterranean tunnels. Sometimes the tunnels are said to have been used during wartime, as secret and safe passageways. Often there are stories of ghosts who make their presence known to anyone who dares intrude upon their hallowed hallways.

Mary Baldwin College has its own tunnel tale. If you turn onto Frederick Street from North Coalter and stand between the PEG Center and Pearce Science Center you will see a staircase leading up. Halfway up, and built into the stairway, is a mysterious half door. A small, plain sign reads: Confined Space — Restricted Entry — Contact MBC Physical Plant. This is where some students have theorized Mary Baldwin's secret tunnel begins.

We went straight to MBC's Physical Plant to tackle this myth. The answer? Yes. Well, and no.

The puzzling half-door does lead to a tunnel of sorts, but it doesn't harbor ghosts — as far as we know. It does house the pipe chase, a series of pipes carrying steam and water to most of lower campus.

Climb the steps and continue up the hill, or turn left, and you'll be on top of the tunnels. Following manholes in the sidewalk is one way to trace its path. Where are tunnels absent? Hill Top and surrounding buildings are connected by "direct bury" — a pipe that is an offshoot of the tunnel pipes, but housed just below the grass without the surrounding tunnel space that would allow one to walk alongside.

If you're intrigued by the idea of walking the tunnels, you may want to find a different intrigue. Hot, dark, and cramped is the best way to describe it. Anyone working in the tunnel must wear specialized protective gear to protect them from steam burns. The tallest the tunnel gets is around five feet, but the majority of it stands a cozy three to four feet high.

It's believed the tunnels were built in the 1950s and 1960s, coinciding with construction of some of the buildings on lower campus built during the administration of Samuel R. Spencer Jr., including Grafton, Pearce, Spencer, Woodson, Hunt, and Wenger. And every winter the tunnels have served an unintended, but useful, purpose. Heat from the steam underground helps melt snow on the sidewalks.

It's also helpful that, for the most part, the tunnels are beneath the sidewalks. This allows most repairs to occur without digging up the green slopes of campus. Of course, where the tunnels do run below the grass there is the occasional sight of escaping steam wafting up through the lawn. Or perhaps that mist is one of Mary Baldwin's ghosts? That's another myth for another time.

PHOTO BY JENNY HOWARD

Beginning of a secret tunnel or just a 'pipe' dream?

Bomb Shelter or The Chute?

On the first day of the year 1962, construction began on Spencer Hall. Obstacles to the building's progress were numerous. Rocks had to be blasted from the hillside. Snowfalls of 30" or more were making the record books. And the U.S. government stepped in, requiring that a fallout shelter be included in the plans.

A fallout shelter? What did it look like? And where did it go?

There is one sentence in the 1965 *Bluestocking* yearbook describing the new residence as "MBC's 'Hilton' complete with study rooms and a bomb shelter." There are no records of air raid drills ever taking place in the fallout shelter, and no pictures we could find.

PHOTO BY JENNY HOWARD

Sidewalk snow melter, steamy ghost, or manhole cover?

What is known is that Dr. Spencer, college president for whom the building was named, was frustrated with such a large, empty space serving no purpose and had the area converted into a lecture hall and faculty offices.

However, the offices were created using plasterboard partitions that did not reach the ceiling or floor, preventing adequate lighting and providing no barrier to sounds from the nearby lecture hall. The most inventive purpose of the space seems to have been its use as a clandestine passageway between the east and west wings of Spencer when students felt like visiting after lights out. Sometime in the late 1960s or early 1970s the faculty offices and lecture hall found more suitable homes and the basement of Spencer found a new purpose. A student recreational area called The Chute was created.

Why it was named The Chute is a mystery. One alumna thinks she remembers a picture of a parachute on the wall. Another thinks there may have been a parachute draped from the ceiling to soften the look of such a large room. Mr. Pollard, MBC archivist, offers another possibility: chute, as in a trough, path or passage to a lower level. Whatever the origin, The Chute was a place for parties — usually informal gatherings without a band or DJ. As one alumna remembered, "Someone would say, 'So and so's frat is in town, there's a party at The Chute.'"

Around 1986 a pub located in Wenger Hall closed and provided the impetus for the next step in the evolution of Spencer's basement. Food service was offered in The Chute. Only a dozen or so students ventured out one snowy evening to hear The Indigo Girls, who, as it turns out, signed a national record deal that launched them to national fame a short time after their visit to MBC.

In 1992 the Pannill Student Center opened and The Chute was shot. Today the basement in Spencer houses student organization offices and storage. Talk to students and you'll find they are surprised to learn of the basement's history. Even some alumnae who partied in The Chute did not know it was once a fallout shelter. But, for the record, it did exist. ▲

'These Hills Where Beauty Dwells

from the Mary Baldwin hymn by Gordon Page and the theme of Reunion 2006

MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE is 164 years strong. It was founded by a man who believed in the education of women at a time when that was not yet the norm — a man named Rufus Bailey. And it was one of those women, one of his first students, who would go on to secure the future of the school — a woman named Mary Julia Baldwin. Their legacy is one of honor, courage, high standards, innovation, and total commitment to the holistic education of women. That legacy continues to guide today's 10-year strategy for composing our future.

A considerable aspect of the overall strategic plan has to do with the campus. Is it being utilized effectively? Is it cohesive? Does it serve to advance the education and overall experience of its students? Does it support anticipated growth?

With an important challenge gift of $6.5 million from Bertie Deming Smith '48, the college began making some visible changes to campus during the summer months — gutters replaced here, some paint there, new furniture on this terrace, an extra light over there. The changes have lifted spirits. Crucially, the gift — which must still be matched — is also funding a campus master plan (see page 18). Early word on the plan is that it will move the campus in exciting directions, and that hard work notwithstanding, it is achievable. Dr. Pamela Fox, president of Mary Baldwin College, expects to roll out the campus master plan publicly early in 2006, as a work-in-progress.

These pages celebrate the historical campus — what it was, and is — in a timeline from 1842 to 2005. Consider the past. It has been remarkable. It speaks of traditions held dear and of people and relationships that last lifetimes and beyond, of dreams achieved, and commitments met.

FROM THE 1942 *BLUESTOCKING*

Founder Rufus Bailey

▲ 1842

Red-haired Rufus Bailey, 49, was well educated when he came to the thriving agricultural community of Augusta County, population 4,000, to found Augusta Female Seminary (AFS). It was an era of reform in the nation — including the education of women. The new thinking was: Since women had primary responsibility for raising the next generation of men, they, too, should be educated. Bailey, his wife, and two daughters — the first faculty members — held AFS classes upstairs in the Plant Building, which was located on New Street and Courthouse Alley (downstairs was a cabinetmaker's shop). Six weeks later, the school and its 50 students — among them, Mary Julia Baldwin — moved to the home of William Craig on Greenville Avenue, where they convened until 1844. Students from outside Augusta County boarded with families in the area.

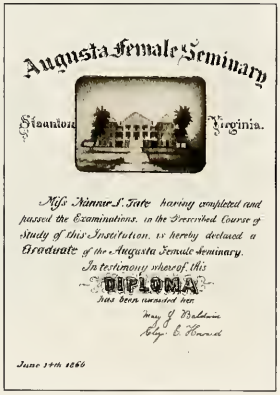
‘Life must be lived forwards, but can only be understood backwards.’

— KIERKEGAARD

Although this is the earliest known image of Administration, the photo would have been taken after 1847, when the two wings were added. The original building was the center section shown here. This photo was in the 1942 *Bluestocking* and on a diploma dated 1866.

▲1844

The campus began to take shape with the construction of the Administration Building—in continuous use from then to now. Funds to build it were raised by public subscription and included 77 donors who gave money, lumber, beef, flour, and corn. Construction began in June, at the end of the school year, and was completed in September, in time for the next school year. The cornerstone of the neo-classic structure contained a Bible, the first textbook of AFS. The whereabouts of that cornerstone are now unknown — was it removed? Covered during renovations?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Staunton
Virginia.
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June 14th 1866

BLUESTOCKING 1942

1863

Rufus Bailey resigned as principal in 1849. In the next 15 years, there was a succession of six principals, and then John Tinsley took the helm. He seems to have had some success — until the Civil War when there were only six students remaining and financial ruin loomed. At that juncture, board member Joseph Waddell asked Mary Baldwin, graduate of AFS, and Agnes McClung to become joint principals in 1863. Miss Baldwin was enterprising in the ways she found to put food on the table and keep the school not just open, but growing throughout the Civil War. Her first term saw a rise in enrollment to 80 students, 22 of whom boarded at the school. There was a single building (Administration), and little furniture, money or faculty. As time went on, "Miss Baldwin's School," became known as one of the most distinguished schools for women in the south.

BLUESTOCKING 1942

Artist's rendering dated 1880 of Administration.

▲1847

Two wings were added to the Administration Building, providing the first on-campus housing for students, as well as housing for Principal Bailey and his family.

▼ 1871

Principals Baldwin and McClung personally paid for the construction of Sky High (located up the hill from today's Carpenter Academic, and below Wenger Hall), which contained an art studio, classrooms, and residence space. It would become well known on campus as the location of holiday "five o'clock dinners" in student rooms when food packages arrived from home. Although beds were used as tables for the festive foods, students dressed formally to partake of the special meals.

Sky High, which no longer exists, with the covered way going up the hill on the left side of the photo and down to Academic on the right.

▼ 1869

In 1869, Brick House was built behind Administration, adding eight residence rooms. Among the residents of the three-story home were the Misses Baldwin and McClung, who lived there until they died.

Brick House

1872 ▶

First Presbyterian Church, located next to Administration at that time, was deeded to the school, and it was renamed Waddell Chapel in honor of Joseph Waddell, trustee. A third story was added immediately. The first floor housed the dining room and kitchen, the second was reserved as residential space, and the new third floor provided a spacious assembly/study hall. Waddell Chapel is also said to have been the site of President Woodrow Wilson's baptism. ■ In the same year, Miss Baldwin purchased a grand home from Judge Thompson's estate for $15,000 (in today's money, approximately $231,121). Named Hill Top, the mansion became eight rooms for residential students. Earlier in the 19th century, it had been a school for girls.

First Presbyterian Church became Waddell Chapel and was located next to Administration.

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Ham & Jam

◀ 1880

The legendary Ham and Jam appeared in front of Administration sometime before 1880, possibly in the 1870s when it was written: "Miss Baldwin loved flowers, and the front lawn had then much the appearance of a flower-garden, a Lovely Mary Garden, Mr. King called it later. In addition, a conservatory of glass walls … was built to the front of the Annex [one of two wings added to Administration in 1847] on the left … On the pillars by the front steps Caesar and Pompey [now Ham and Jam] appeared to watch over the institution."* Who made the original dog statues and gave them to MBC remains a mystery. ■ Mary Julia Baldwin had a succession of dogs with names like Leo, Rollo, Midget, and Beauty, who accompanied her everywhere with bells on their collars that students took as souvenirs. The first matching terra cotta statues are thought to honor her dog Beauty. Students have named the statues variously through the years — Caesar and Pompey; after WWI, Blucher and Wellington; and some time later, Ham and Jam (a remembrance of key ingredients in Sunday suppers). Miss Baldwin also had a collection of rare birds from Java, Syria, and South America — as well as cats. ■ The only known sketch of Mary Baldwin (done in secret by a student) is one of her praying with her tiny dog Midget atop her bustle. She forbade portraits and photographs because the left side of her face had been paralyzed by a childhood fever, but she did not hide away. We do know she was about five and a half feet tall, weighed around 140 pounds, and had brown hair and grey eyes.

* From *The History of Mary Baldwin College* by Mary Watters PhD, 1942, page 141.

TO LIVE IN TIME

The only known sketch of Miss Baldwin done in secret by a student.

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Mary Julia Baldwin's grave marker in Thornrose Cemetery.

▲ 1897

Mary Julia Baldwin served as principal for 33 years until her death July 1, 1897. She is buried in Staunton's Thornrose Cemetery. When Miss Baldwin died, there were five buildings on campus, a farm, 250 students, a credible faculty, and financial stability. The school inherited nearly all her estate, which, in effect, kept the school going as it moved into its most transitional years from seminary to college.

BLUESTOCKING 1917

Tree-covered section of the covered way

▲ 1890

Sky High was remodeled to double its size, which resulted in more residential space, a gymnasium, and swimming pool (though it was only 12'x 8'x 4'). That same year, a covered walk was constructed to protect students from weather, if not from creatures — and it connected all the buildings. (See story, page 20)

BLUESTOCKING 1938

Hill Top

A Day's Doings.

from the *Bluestocking 1903*

7 a.m.	Miss X. hears bell.	2-4	Visits.
7:20	Miss X. rises.	4-4:30	Talks.
7:34	Reaches dining-room.	4:30	Withdraw from public life.
7:59-8:43	Reads letters.	4:30-6	Excitement behind closed doors.
8:43	Cleans room.	6-6:26	Supper (doesn't feel hungry.)
8:45	Enters chapel.	6:26-7	Loafs around.
9-10	Recites French.	7-8	Skips practice.
10-11	Rests (except Saturdays.)	8-9	Studies diligently.
11-12	Skips library.	9-9:30	Gossips.
12-12:45	(Practices) writes letters.	9:30-10	Prepares to retire.
12:45-1	Meditates.	10	Retires.
1-2	Rations.	10:1	Sleeps.

BLUESTOCKING 1917

The name of the Mary Baldwin Memorial Hall was abbreviated by students and it stuck, named then to now: Memorial.

▲ 1900

The young ladies of this era had grown up in a time of higher standards of living than earlier in the 19th century— more living space, more and better bathrooms and, hence, more privacy, and sleeping single. To help alleviate the crowded seminary, Mary Baldwin Memorial Hall was constructed for a cost of $12,821 (in today's money, that's about $284,052). It had 16 bedrooms. A year later, it was called Memorial in the school catalog and the name stuck. Each student residing in Memorial had her own bed, and just two students were placed in each room as compared to previous arrangements when three students shared one bed. In 1914, it was enlarged, adding 12 bedrooms and eight bathrooms.

BLUESTOCKING 1917

This view of Academic is the one from North Court, if your back is to McClung.

▲ 1907

Mary Baldwin Seminary (so named in the years 1895–1923) was overcrowded and needed updating. The Board of Trustees and Business Manager William King addressed those issues with construction of two new residence halls, an infirmary, a larger gymnasium, a better water and sewage system, an updated heating plant — and electricity. Academic was built at a cost of $35,782 (today's approximate equivalent: $734,374). All the construction was funded without tapping outside sources. Principal Ella Weimar focused on academic programming and learning best practices for college operations. Among the courses of study she added was one that would be popular for many years after WWI: domestic science.

▲ 1909

This was the year McClung Residence Hall was built — literally engulfing Brick House. The reason(s) for the unusual construction process of building over another building does not seem to be recorded. It can only be surmised that Brick House, home to Mary Julia Baldwin and Agnes McClung, was so revered that no one could tear it down. In 1909 the cost to construct McClung was $33,815. ■ Today, a trio of sophomores inhabits Room 212 in McClung: Heidi Kershner, Jill Kinard and Katie Ashe. They are all honors scholars. Except for a plaque outside the door, it might go unnoticed as Mary Julia Baldwin's room. For years, students have said that Mary Julia sometimes makes her presence known. One night Ashe, alone in the room, thought she heard a voice speak her name. It was nothing scary, she noted, and it almost had a welcome or good luck feel to it. Another night she felt what seemed to be someone playfully swatting at her ponytail. "When I heard what room I was in, I thought, 'Cool, we got Mary Baldwin's old room'," said Ashe. "I'll sometimes look at the closet and wonder if she kept her clothes in there, too."

1923

The transition from seminary to fully-accredited four-year college was fraught with challenges and took nearly 10 years to play out. Land was purchased to move the college to the edge of town and leave the seminary in its original location. Ultimately, that did not happen. The original initiative to become a college had come from the Alumnae Association (established in 1894), and they maintained active interest until that goal was achieved in 1923. ■ Reflecting campus usage during the transition from seminary to college, the top floor of Academic was used for one-hour college classrooms, its second floor housed the library, and the first floor provided space for the 45-minute seminary (junior college) classes. College and seminary students shared dining hall and infirmary, but not dormitory space. The rules concerning chaperones, visits to town, church attendance, and more, differed for seminary and college students.

MARY BALDWIN SEMINARY CATALOGUE, 1911-12

When it was nearly new, McClung, before trees grew tall. Does Mary Julia Baldwin still visit?

MBC ARCHIVES

Is it just us, or does everyone have a soft spot for the charming grace of Rose Terrace — now in great need of renovation?

▲ 1919

In the last issue of this magazine, college archivist William Pollard told the story of Rose Terrace. The four-story, 6,500-square-foot-home was built in 1874 as a private residence. In 1910 it became the Augusta Sanitarium and was sold to MBC in 1919 for $10,000 (in 2005 that translates to about $122,993). Over the years, Rose Terrace has been used as the college president's home, a residence hall, a sort of learning community for those who spoke only French within its walls, and today, offices. In 2005, this historic building is in urgent need of repairs. (See story page 8)

BLUESTOCKING 1942

Imagine if a film star like Jennifer Aniston came to campus. It must have been just like that when Hollywood star Greer Garson visited King in 1942!

▲ 1942

The college's centennial was celebrated with the opening of the William Wayt King Building, named in honor of the school's long-time business manager. The campus building plan of the day was called the New Century Program (nicknamed 'Ensie' — say it out loud and you hear N-C). Alumnae, students, faculty, staff, and friends in the community donated funds to build King. The centerpiece of the ground floor was a swimming pool, the middle floor contained an auxiliary gymnasium and social room, and the top floor housed a gymnasium/auditorium that would seat 1,000. Several events surrounding the opening of the King Building were milestones for MBC:

- The first formal dance held on campus was in King October 3, 1942
- King included the first cornerstone since Administration was built in 1844
- The first community event in King was held to sell defense bonds with Hollywood star Greer Garson as honored saleswoman

Notes about MBC's Architecture

Remarkably, the architect and builder of the school's first building, Administration (formerly called Old Main), is unknown. Yet its neo-classical style set the enduring tone for the campus. Noted Staunton architect T. J. Collins was largely responsible for the continuity of architectural integrity. He maintained the neo-classical style in Memorial and Academic, and guarded the style when renovating Hill Top. He was also the architect of record for many of the buildings that would later become part of Mary Baldwin College — those on the former Staunton Military Academy property, including Deming Hall, Kable House (now Student Life Center), Mess Hall (now Student Activities Center), and the Superintendent's House (now the home of our college president).

MBC ARCHIVES, 1975

Wenger Student (Activities) Center under construction

MBC ARCHIVES

▲ King's Daughters Hospital becomes Bailey Hall ▲, which was razed to make room for the PEG (Program for the Exceptionally Gifted) Center

BLUESTOCKING 1953

Looks like Wenger Hall, yes? In this photo, it was the new Student Activities Center.

MBC ARCHIVES, 2004

Wenger Hall today

▲ 1951

Generous alumnae and the family of Flora McElwee Miller funded construction of the Student Activities Center. In the new building (today's Wenger), the lower floor housed the book store, post office, and student club and tea room. Upstairs, a fireplace graced a more formal lounge dedicated in memory of Flora McElwee Miller, class of 1880. A faculty and alumnae lounge, and a lounge and lockers for day students were on the third floor. ■ Changes were made in 1963 and the Student Activities Center became Wenger Student Center in honor of alumna Consuelo Wenger '19. ■ It was remodeled again in 1976, and space was added for a larger bookstore, SGA offices, and student publications. Because it was the nation's bicentennial, Wenger was dubbed the bicentennial building. ■ Classrooms and offices for computer information services were added in 1986. And, in 1992, Mr. and Mrs. William Hitchman '40 gave a gift to transform Miller Lounge into Miller Chapel, and so it is today.

▲ 1955

Rufus W. Bailey Residence Hall (in the location now occupied by the PEG Center) was once King's Daughters' Hospital. The hospital needed to expand and modernize and wanted, initially, to swap some land with MBC — but in the end, the transaction was monetary. It would be another 10 years before the building, then named Bailey and extensively renovated, was opened for 85 students. It was state-of-the-art with 45 double rooms, five singles, two guest rooms, a laundry, kitchen, and two student lounges. As it was named in honor of AFS founder Rufus Bailey, his great-grandson, Edmund Campbell, spoke at the dedication in 1955.

MBC ARCHIVES, 1966

'New Dormitory' is named Margaret C. Woodson Residence Hall.

MBC ARCHIVES, 2002

'New New Dormitory' was the unofficial, early name for Samuel R. Spencer Jr. Residence Hall.

MBC ARCHIVES, 2002

First image of MBC campus that usually comes to mind: Lyda B. Hunt Dining Hall with cupola atop.

MBC ARCHIVES, 2003

Martha S. Grafton Library fronts Page Terrace, beloved site of Mary Baldwin College's outdoor commencement.

MBC ARCHIVES

The window was commissioned and erected in 1901 by the Alumnae Association. Once housed in the old MBC Chapel, the Memorial Window now hangs in Grafton Library.

▲ 1961-68

A flurry of construction took place in these years, beginning with Hunt Dining Hall. A gift from the Hunt children in honor of their mother Lyda B. Hunt (once a trustee) ensured the building was completed. It featured seating for 300 people on each side of a central kitchen. A portrait of Mrs. Hunt in the center of the grand staircase is acknowledged with a bouquet of flowers on a credenza beneath her picture. Also in 1961, Sky High, the covered walkway, and the infirmary were razed. ■ "New Dormitory" was designed with student input, and included the Charles Vernon Palmer Meditation Room given by two alumnae in honor of their father. It was not named Woodson until 1963 in honor of Margaret Craig Woodson, a board member for 22 years. Because federal loans and grants were available, Hunt and Woodson were under construction at the same time and both opened in **1961**. ■ Then came "New New Dormitory," which was officially named for college president Samuel Spencer Jr. The building was designed in a curve to fit the topography of the land. Like all the buildings at that elevation (Wenger, Hunt, Woodson, Spencer), there were challenges because of rock that had to be blasted — particularly for Spencer. At the time of its construction, the federal government required a fallout shelter (see story page 20). With room for 171 resident students, Spencer opened in **1963**. ■ There may be no building on campus that has had more student involvement than Grafton Library. Plans were being discussed for a new library as early as 1958. It would take 10 years to bring the new library to life. During one of the years of fundraising — 1964–65 — students (who would be gone before it ever opened) spent the school year doing weekly events (car washes, apple butter sales, a discotheque, raking leaves, shining shoes, selling a chance to wear Bermuda shorts to class for 25 cents, and much more) to raise $6,000 (today's approximate equivalent = $36,214) to donate to the building fund. Toward the end of construction, trucks could not reach the "front" of the building (Page Terrace) to dump dirt in the flower beds, so students formed a day-long bucket brigade and got the job done. It was named for, arguably, the most beloved lady since Mary Julia Baldwin, Dean Martha Grafton, and opened in **1967** with a 200,000-volume capacity.

Mary Baldwin College is home to several buildings on the National Register of Historical Places, as well as the Virginia Register of Landmarks, including the Administration Building, Hill Top, and Rose Terrace.

Jesse Cleveland Pearce Science Center

Part of the former SMA campus includes today's (l) Bertie Murphy Deming Hall fine arts center and (r) Kable Residence Hall.

▲ 1970

Once the new library opened, what had been a 10-year planning process for a new science center was now priority one. In the end it would be the most expensive building constructed to that point, costing more than $2 million (today's approximate value = $10,075,825) It housed controlled environment space, a greenhouse, a 260-seat lecture hall, classrooms, and labs designed to provide hands-on experience for its students. The building was named in memory of the husband of Margaret Henderson, class of 1908: Jesse Cleveland Pearce Science Center. A timely gift from Permele Crawford Elliott (class of 1900) in honor of her husband was used to construct the James D. Francis Auditorium. It was dedicated on Founders Day 1970.

Construction of the Coalter Street entrance after MBC purchased the former SMA campus.

▲ 1976-1983

In a move that would more than double the physical space of campus, MBC purchased 35.5 acres (and 14 buildings) of adjoining property — the site of Staunton Military Academy. It had opened in 1884 and was in dire financial straits by the 1970s. The neighboring schools — MBC and SMA — had been friendly, even sharing some faculty periodically, such as during WWI, when Colonel Kable ran seminary students through emergency procedures and drills. Alumnae/i of both schools were adamant about retaining as many of the SMA facilities as possible, though all of them needed much repair. MBC's Physical Plant was first to relocate to the former SMA campus, followed by the Business Office in 1977, and the college president moved into the former SMA commandant's residence. Tullidge was renovated and became a residence hall. In 1979 Kable Hall became a residence hall, and Kable House was modified for use as the home of the dean of the college. In 1983, the old SMA gym was remodeled, and became the Bertie M. Smith Deming Hall fine arts center. ■ The legacy of SMA and its place in MBC history lives on. Many SMA name plates are still in place (such as Mess Hall over the entrance to today's Student Activities Center). The SMA/WWII Museum is located near the site of the old SMA north barracks, and Mary Baldwin's corps of cadets, Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership, carries the SMA flag alongside their own in parades. ■ Miller House, now a bed and breakfast on New Street, was once owned by the college and used as a music building. MBC sold it in 1982, but rented it for some years as office space for college communications and development.

1991

Hill Top underwent major renovation through the generosity of sister alumnae Margaret Hunt Hill '37 and Caroline Rose Hunt '43.

MBC ARCHIVES

MBC ARCHIVES, 2004

A collection celebrating Staunton Military Academy and Mary Baldwin's Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at the SMA/VWIL Museum on campus.

MBC ARCHIVES, 2004

Academic becomes Carpenter Academic Hall

MBC ARCHIVES, 2004

The sign says 'SMA Mess Hall 1913,', the old nameplate for what is now the Student Activities Center. Former SMA signage is visible on several buildings as a way of remembering.

MBC ARCHIVES, 2004

Physical Activities Center built by the YMCA on land twice purchased by MBC.

▲ 1988

Academic had been used as classrooms longer than any other building on campus. It was renovated through the generosity of the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter '35 Foundation — hence its new name, Carpenter Academic Hall, announced at the rededication in 1988. ■ When MBC purchased the SMA campus, it immediately sold eight acres to the YMCA. In 1988, MBC purchased that same eight acres again; this time the land included a Y-built sports facility that we call Physical Activities Center (PAC). The Physical Education Department had been crowded in the 50-year-old King Building until relocating to PAC with its basketball, volleyball and handball courts, dance studio, exercise room, and surrounding sports fields and parade grounds. ■ Memorial was also renovated in this time period.

MBC ARCHIVES, 2005

William G. Pannill Student Center interior of the downstairs Pub (r) and one of two exterior garden gathering spaces (l).

MBC ARCHIVES, 1998

MBC ARCHIVES, 1992

Pannill under construction and soon to be a hub of student-centered activities

▲ 1992

Space for student activities found its next quarters in 1992 when the campus celebrated the opening of its sesquicentennial building, the William G. Pannill (a trustee) Student Center, erected where once the SMA south barracks had been. The new two-story building offered space for the bookstore and post office. On the lower floor, the Ham and Jam Pub opened, and today features MBC's version of fast-food lunch and a newly furnished gathering place with large-screen TV, ping pong tables, foosball, even TV trays.

MBC ARCHIVES, 1998

Administration pictured during renovation — what did become of its cornerstone?

MBC ARCHIVES, 2004

On the inside, Grafton Library was newly decorated.

▲ ◀ 1998

Both the historic Administration Building and McClung were extensively rehabilitated, preserving many original features of each, such as the chair rail and baseboard in Administration. It was during the renovation of McClung when the mystery of the plaque on the wall (stating that room 212 — and at that time, room 14 — was once Mary Julia Baldwin's quarters) was revealed. By 1998, it had been forgotten that McClung had been built over and around Brick House! Workers discovered original walls, flooring, and chimneys during renovation. A small portion of the original brick wall is framed and visible even today. ■ Grafton Library was also redecorated and refurbished.

PEG scholars and cover girls, photographed in front of the newly opened PEG Center for the winter 2003 college magazine cover.

▲ 2002

The newest building on campus is the PEG Center — standing proudly on the former site of Bailey Residence Hall, and before that, King's Daughters Hospital. The Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG) started in 1985. PEGs were first housed in Tullidge Residence Hall and moved several times until the state-of-the-art PEG Center opened in 2002. Philip Renfrow, the architect who designed the PEG Center, is a key member of the campus master planning team who is helping us shape the Mary Baldwin College campus of the future. (See "Campus Master Planners" page 19).

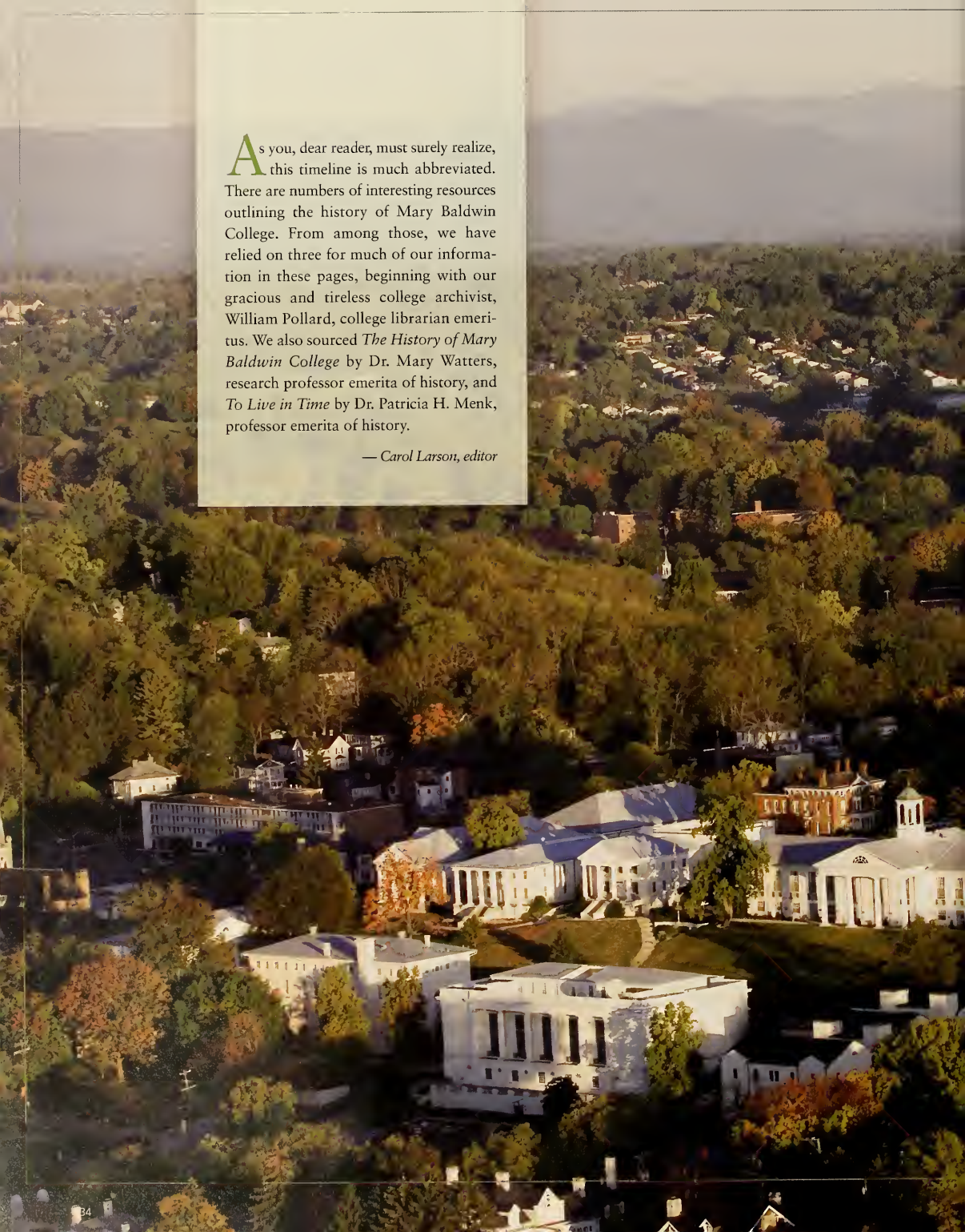
PEG is 20!

The Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG) celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. PEG students reside in the PEG Center, the newest building on campus, which was designed by Phillip Renfrow, AIA, one of the campus master planners. The 20th celebrations will take place during Reunion 2006 in March. Current and former PEG students, parents, family, and friends will be invited. Event planning is underway and may include tours, slide show, presentation of important research on gifted students, a picnic, and more. The PEG program is a complete success, and the only one of its kind in the nation for young women, where gifted students as young as rising ninth-graders may bypass high school and finish college in four years in residence at Mary Baldwin College.

This plaque hangs outside Room 212 in McClung.

As you, dear reader, must surely realize, this timeline is much abbreviated. There are numbers of interesting resources outlining the history of Mary Baldwin College. From among those, we have relied on three for much of our information in these pages, beginning with our gracious and tireless college archivist, William Pollard, college librarian emeritus. We also sourced *The History of Mary Baldwin College* by Dr. Mary Watters, research professor emerita of history, and *To Live in Time* by Dr. Patricia H. Menk, professor emerita of history.

— Carol Larson, editor



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MBC PROFESSOR UN-MASQUES ELIZABETHAN PERFORMANCE

By Morgan Alberts Smith '99

Masque — a short allegorical dramatic performance popular as court entertainment in 16th and 17th century Europe, performed by masked actors often themselves members of the court, and consisting of dumb show combined with music, dancing, and sometimes poetry culminating in a ceremonial dance participated in by the spectators

There were only a few paintings on display that day in the National Portrait Gallery in London. Most of the Elizabethan art was on tour in Greenwich including Shakespeare, Elizabeth I, Sir Francis Drake, and Ben Jonson. Virginia Royster Francisco '64, Mary Baldwin College professor of theatre, spent time with one of the few pieces left behind, a huge narrative painting of a lesser-known man, Sir Henry Unton, by an unknown artist.

Unton isn't the first name one thinks of when recalling famous people from the Elizabethan period. It certainly was not in Francisco's vocabulary until that discovery in the National Portrait Gallery a few years ago. She had glanced at the painting many times, but had not really looked at it.

As Francisco studied Unton's life story as illustrated in the painting, she noticed an intricately detailed section that looked like a large banquet. She squinted to get a closer look. "That's a performance!" she realized.

"I was alone in the gallery — everybody else was at the Elizabeth I exhibition at Greenwich. So I focused on this much humbler work. The portrait is amazing. We have so few images from Shakespeare's lifetime, and here's a color depiction of performers in costume, a small audience seated around a banquet table, and musicians. Despite a lifetime as a theatre historian and recent work in Elizabethan theatre, I'd not seen a study of this work."

Those who research Elizabethan theatre typically focus on Shakespeare, his contemporaries, and the Stuart masques, rather than on the earlier type of masque shown as an integral part of Unton's life. Here was a depiction of an Elizabethan masque that had been overlooked by many theatre scholars.

"I recognized that it was an Elizabethan masque rather than a Stuart one, performed in a comparatively small private home, rather than at court or in a great aristocrat's mansion. The portrait has been studied by historians of dress and art, as one of few narrative portraits of the period and as relates to fashionable miniature painting. Music historians have also studied the instruments, music books, and even the seating arrangement it portrays," Francisco explains. In fact, the painting is thought to be the first painted image of musicians playing the transverse flute.

Francisco determined that few studies have been done on the masque aspect of the painting. She researched Unton's life and the procession of the masquers in preparation for the Blackfriars Conference in October hosted by the American Shakespeare Center in Staunton. She presented her conjectures about the masque. In great detail, the painting shows the costume and how the performance was presented — the procession includes Mercury and Diana, both masked, followed by nymphs and cupids carrying bows and arrows, garlands, and torches. The lead presenter is depicted as handing a parchment, or program, to the lady of the house.

Francisco scoured the library in London for information that helped her piece together the story behind the portrait. She was looking for the music that accompanied the masque, and wondered if there was a record of the specific dance being performed in the painting. She did not find a definitive answer regarding the dance, but there was a suite of music by John Dowland that is a likely candidate. She also traveled to Wadley House — the house where the masque was performed.

Transverse flute — the modern flute, played to the side. Earlier flutes that those depicted in the painting were played more like clarinets are today.

"Wadley has been much altered since the 16th century, and I wasn't allowed inside. My observations came from peeking into windows and holding my camera up to windows I could not reach. Three areas are possible sites of the performance shown in the painting. The smallest and least changed room is about 25' x 40' and has Tudor windows not unlike those in the painting. The other areas are in a section extensively remodeled in the 18th century. The smaller has a gallery, often a feature of Elizabethan performance spaces. The other could have included a space as large as 30' x 90', not unlike the size of great halls where grander performances were given," Francisco says describing some of her conjectures.

As is typical of research about the Elizabethan era, there are more mysteries about the painting to "un-masque." And that is what fuels future scholarship. ▲

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(opposite page) The narrative portrait of Sir Henry Unton by an unknown artist is dated circa 1596 and is an oil on panel, 29⅛" x 64¼". (above) Detail of painting depicting a perfomance

Susan Firestone '68
Psyche, bronze with patination, 63" x 72" x 65"

MBC FINE ARTS NEWS

New Printmaking & Photo Lab.

It has not been the easiest place to find — and still isn't — but the new equipment in the printmaking and photo lab at Mary Baldwin makes it comparable to a lab at a much larger university. Located down a back staircase in Bertie Murphy Deming Hall, the first thing one sees in the new lab is a MAC G5 workstation with dual monitors, which allows an artist to tweak an image on one monitor and see the result on the other. Local commercial printers would envy the technology in our new Epson Stylus Pro 4800 printer, which allows artists to print on more than paper. Student and faculty artists may also print on thin plastic sheets that can be turned into stencils for printmaking, etching or three-dimensional artwork.

PHOTO BY JIM SCONYERS

"This is truly a consolidated, superior studio facility," said Jim Sconyers, assistant professor of art. He will use the new equipment in classes for traditional and digital photography, and printmaking.

"vinyl-vivid," 2004, oil on canvas, 12" x 90" by Paul Ryan

Ryan Masters Teaching, and Solos, Again.

Associate Professor of Art Paul Ryan is teaching a master's level class in critical theory at Virginia Commonwealth University this year — in addition to leading all his classes at Mary Baldwin. This summer he was invited to present yet another solo exhibition, this time at one of Virginia's best art galleries, the Reynolds Gallery in Richmond. His show was titled *lift here and be happy*.

Upcoming Art Exhibits.

Everyone is invited to view exhibits in the Hunt Gallery located in Hunt Dining Hall at the Staunton campus. For more information: *www.mbc.edu/college/events/huntgallery.asp*

Jan 16-Feb 3	Jiha Moon: Recent Paintings Opening Reception Jan 16, 4:30 p.m.
Feb 13-Mar 10	Susan Firestone '68: Mixed-Media Opening Reception Feb 13, 4:30 p.m.
Mar 20-Apr 7	Chica Tenney: New Paintings Opening Reception Apr 10, 4:30 p.m.

MBC MUSIC NEWS

Sing a Song of Welcome. In a department known for its high-level faculty, three new members have joined the Music Department. **Nancy Garlick,** clarinetist, is now an adjunct instructor at MBC. She is a founding member of the Albemarle Ensemble in Charlottesville and holds music degrees from Crane School of Music at Potsdam College and Manhattan School of Music, and earned her doctorate of musical arts from Catholic University. She has appeared as a soloist with many major orchestras. **Angela Kelly,** flutist, is a new adjunct instructor. She received a bachelors degree from Indiana University School of Music. MBC also welcomed **David Tate,** choir director. He holds a degree in music education from Bridgewater College, and has taken graduate courses at James Madison University, Radford University, and Westminster Choir College.

Major Music Conference Comes to MBC.

We will welcome teaching musicians from colleges all over the region when MBC hosts the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the College Music Society in March 2006. Its theme — Education in music is every musician's responsibility — will be overseen by president-elect, Lise Keiter-Brotzman, associate professor of music at MBC and current society president, Tayloe Harding, dean of music at University of South Carolina.

Women Composers in Concert, a concert series performed by Lise Keiter-Brotzman, associate professor of music, is still in progress. The pianist has appeared in Charlottesville, and at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Emory and Henry, and University of Wisconsin in Madison, so far.

Upcoming Music Recitals. The public is invited to attend recitals, concerts, and other music presentations at Mary Baldwin. All performances are scheduled to be in Francis Auditorium in Pearce Science Center, except the March 30 recital, which will be in First Presbyterian Church across from the college on Frederick Street. For information about tickets, dates, and more: *www.mbc.edu/event_calendar/*

Jan 29	Piano Duet with Gabriel Dobner and Lori Piitz, 3 p.m.
Feb 19	Waynesboro Community Orchestra, 8 p.m.
Mar 10	Broman Concert: Dora Seres, flute, 8 p.m.

MBC THEATRE NEWS

Calling All Drama Queens to MBC. High school women participated in Mary Baldwin's first professional development workshop for budding theatre performers, writers, and directors for three days in October on campus. "The sessions were designed to put prospective students in contact with our excellent faculty and our strong production program, and introduce them to the advantages of a theatre program at a small women's college," said Virginia Francisco '64, professor of theatre. MBC faculty Ralph Cohen, Todd Ristau, and Terry Southerington, and visiting director Rick Seyford also participated. This was the first of planned recruitment weekends for several disciplines.

ATHLETIC ambition

Juan Chavez

John Mitchem

Robyn Russell

PHOTOS BY DAWN MEDLEY

The Mary Baldwin College Athletics Department welcomed five new coaches this fall, including three new head coaches who have experience around the country and around the world. Their answers here to a personal question help us learn more about them outside the athletic arenas.

MBC athletics are part of Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The college offers eight NCAA sports, including, basketball, cross country, field hockey, soccer, swimming, tennis, and volleyball. This year, MBC began the two-year process of changing athletic conferences from Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference to USA South.

John Mitchem, head volleyball coach

BA Catawba College, sports medicine
Advantage Physical Therapy & Sports Performance, athletic trainer
Worked toward a master's degree while coaching at Lynchburg College

Q: What was your motivation for working toward a master's degree while working as a coach?

A: I believe people learn every day in a variety of settings — in the classroom, on the court, in the office. I wanted to continue to push how far I could go academically, and that opportunity came while I was working at Lynchburg College as an assistant athletic trainer. I started to work toward a master's degree in education to gain perspective on the mechanics of teaching, which is almost inseparable from coaching. If I can be a better teacher, I can be a more effective coach.

My studies in sports medicine and education go hand-in-hand with coaching. Lessons about injury prevention, conditioning, nutrition, and educational leadership find their way into every practice.

My quest for information hasn't slowed down; if anything, it's stronger than ever. When the situation is right, I know I will rededicate myself to finishing a master's program. I've always wanted to earn my MBA, too. I don't want to be one-dimensional, so I develop many parts of my personality and interests. I look to Duke's basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski as a role model in this area. Beyond coaching one of the best teams in the nation, he is a professor and writer at the university's Fuqua/Coach K Center of Leadership and Ethics. That is impressive. I hope to always push myself beyond being complacent.

Juan Chavez, head soccer coach

Degree in education earned in El Salvador
Degree in television from Radio Netherlands Training Center, Holland
Richmond Strikers Soccer Club, coach

Q: What life journey brought you to Mary Baldwin College?

A: My relationship with soccer started very early when I was a youth in El Salvador. Soccer is so much a part of the culture there; it is life. I played soccer because that's what everyone did. I made it to the level of playing in the country's second division as a midfielder, but I am a teacher at heart. That was what I chose to focus on. I coached high school and semi-pro teams while teaching math, science, and English. I also earned a degree in television directing from a university in the Netherlands and pursued that as a career for several years.

In the late 1970s, a civil war was brewing in El Salvador, and professionals such as myself were under attack. We were seen as threats to the government and our lives were in danger — in fact, some people I knew and worked with were killed. I left the country for a job with IBM in Florida in 1978 and I have lived in the United States since then. I found Richmond, Virginia, through a friend and lived there with my family.

During my professional career, I always wanted to get back to coaching. In the last eight years or so I've had more time to do that because my children are grown. I have been coaching with the Richmond Strikers Soccer Club — a club with thousands of players of all ages — for several years, but, lately, I had been looking for a chance to coach college soccer. Another friend was in Staunton and picked up a newspaper that had the position listed at Mary Baldwin. I knew this would be a great step for me.

A lot of people want to coach at a big university and win, win, win, but Mary Baldwin was the perfect opportunity for me because I don't have that pressure and I can work with the players and leave a positive mark on their lives. Most people measure whether they are a good coach by how many games they win, but that is not how I judge my coaching ability. If they are improving on the field and learning from me about life, I believe I am doing a good job. Many of my players will not become professional soccer players or coaches, but I help them realize that they can still be good players and coaches in life's other areas.

MBC Coaches 2005–06

BASKETBALL
Jackie Bryan, head coach (2000)
Crystal Coffman, assistant coach (2000)

CROSS COUNTRY
Gary Kessler, head coach (2002)

FIELD HOCKEY
Holly Russell, head coach (2001)

SOCCER
Juan Chavez, head coach (2005)
Sandy Lagana, assistant coach (2005)

SOFTBALL
Christy Shelton, head coach (2000)
Scott Robertson, assistant coach (2005)

SWIMMING
Henry Mierzwa, head coach (2005)

TENNIS
Robyn Russell, head coach (2005)

VOLLEYBALL
John Mitchem, head coach (2005)
Susan Morris, assistant coach (2005)

Robyn Russell, head tennis coach

BS James Madison University, physical education
Mary Baldwin College, athletic assistant
Professional Tennis Registry, certified

Q: What is the process you went through to be certified by the Professional Tennis Registry? How does that experience impact your coaching at Mary Baldwin?

A: I was certified by the Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) nearly 24 years ago, when the organization was only a few years old. I had played tennis for a long time, and I knew I wanted to continue to teach at higher levels. Earning certification was the way I could ensure respected status and better job offers.

PTR is internationally recognized and is the largest global organization for tennis teachers and coaches. To reach professional certification level — the highest offered by PTR — I had to complete five sections of the program with a rating of 4.5 (on a scale of 5) or higher. The course was intensive and it tested my playing skills, knowledge of rules, teaching technique, business knowledge, and writing. We were on the courts all day for the training program.

Being certified gives players confidence in my professionalism and gives them something to strive for. Learning about the range of aspects of tennis through the certification process gave me a well-rounded view of the game and what can come out of the business side of it. It provided me with a broader perspective on how tennis plays into people's lives. I hope being certified will help us recruit the best players for our team. I enjoy being associated with the Professional Tennis Registry because it puts me in the company of teachers and coaches around the world who strive to increase the sport's popularity and professionalism. ▲

FIGHTING

Records are noted in the following order: wins-losses-ties, unless otherwise specified

Cross Country*

Highlights: Jessica Nevins '05 and Melanie Dorion '06 placed first and second, respectively, in the Salem Invitational to give the team its first-ever first place finish. The team went on to place first in the Southern Virginia Invitational as well. The team competed in seven regular-season meets and Southeast Regionals.

Shenandoah Invitational	2nd
Washington and Lee Invitational	5th
Salem Invitational	1st
Hagen Stone Classic	2nd
Virginia State Championships	6th
Hood Invitational	2nd
Southern Virginia Invitational	1st

Field Hockey

Highlights: Senior Goalie Lacey Wood recorded nearly 60 saves — 14 of them in a single game.

Conference Record	2-2
Overall Record	3-9

Soccer

Highlights: Senior Jessica Lankes and sophomore Max Wood combined to score nearly 20 goals for the team.

Conference Record	2-5
Overall Record	3-13

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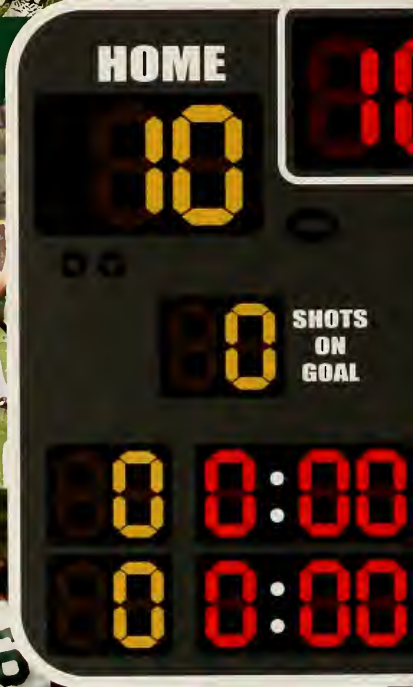
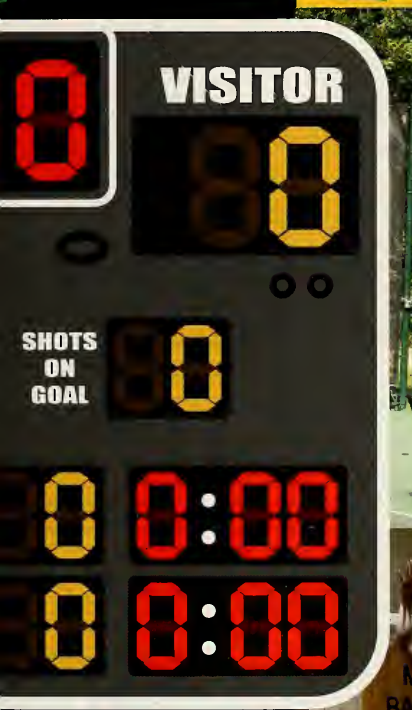


SCOR

AWCC

All-Conference Players

Maggie Eves	soccer	second team
Cami Roa	soccer	second team
Jessica Lankes	soccer	honorable mention
Toni Ruocco	soccer	honorable mention
Max Wood	soccer	honorable mention
Katie Brooks	field hockey	first team
Karen Potter	field hockey	first team
Gwen Boundy	field hockey	honorable mention
Ashlin Call	field hockey	honorable mention
Theresa Landin	field hockey	honorable mention
Angela Dellinger	volleyball	first team
Allison Hasson	volleyball	first team
Amanda Chambers	volleyball	second team
Karen Meyer	volleyball	second team



Volleyball

Highlights: In mid-October, the volleyball team was ranked ninth in the nation among Division III colleges in service aces (a serve that lands on the opponent's side untouched or is touched, but cannot be kept in play). Sophomore Kristen Guffey was individually ranked 17th in the same category, and she recorded an NCAA Division III record with 18 service aces against Wilson College this season.

Conference Record	9-3
Overall Record	13-18

Tennis*

Highlights: Junior Sylvia Neiser finished 3rd in Flight B singles at the Virginia Women's Tournament in Roanoke, the team's highest place finish in the fall. The tennis team's full season, with 12 matches, takes place in spring.

Basketball

Highlights: The team won its opening game against Eastern Mennonite University, a school that is twice the size of MBC and in the highly competitive Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

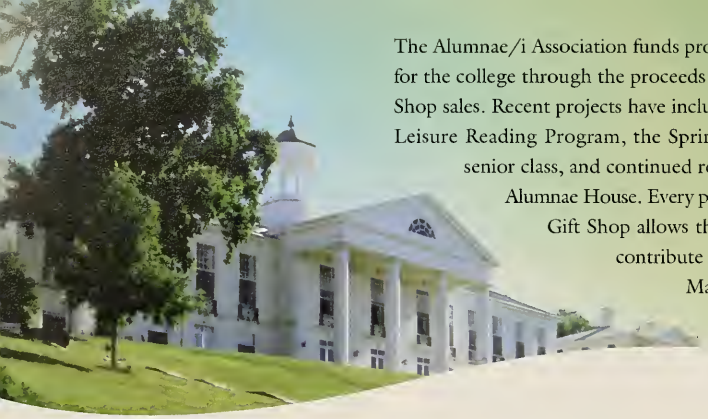
Conference Record	0-0
Overall Record	1-6

Swimming

Highlights: The 200 Medley Relay team and 200 Freestyle Medley team earned first place and set records at an early-season meet at Chatham College.

Conference Record	1-1
Overall Record	2-3

* Cross Country and Tennis are not official sports in the Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference (AWCC); and therefore MBC does not have conference statistics.



The Alumnae/i Association funds projects and events for the college through the proceeds from MBC Gift Shop sales. Recent projects have included the Library Leisure Reading Program, the Spring Fling for the senior class, and continued renovation of the Alumnae House. Every purchase from the Gift Shop allows the association to contribute to the success of Mary Baldwin.

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Squirrel	T-S14	$125
MBC Seal	T-M14	$90

Sterling Silver

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Squirrel	T-SS	$18
MBC Seal	T-MS	$30

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O. MARY BALDWIN CAMPUS PRINT

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P. MBC PAINTED MIRROR

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Q. TRADITIONS POSTER

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T. MBC KEYCHAIN

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2005 Commencement Awards

Martha Stackhouse Grafton Award	Ruth Rowe '05
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Student Award	Christian Peele '05
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Non-Student Award	Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Doenges '63
Adult Degree Program Outstanding Student	Dana Goetz '05
Master of Arts in Teaching Outstanding Student	Daniel Gardner '05
Margaret Kable Russell Award	Samantha Sprole '06

2005 Graduates by the Numbers

Residential College for Women	182
Adult Degree Program	110
Masters of Fine Arts in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature in Performance	1
Master of Letters in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature in Performance	18
Masters of Arts in Teaching	49

That moment-of-all-moments in a student's college life took place for 360 people May 15, 2005 at Mary Baldwin College Commencement. It seemed the biggest question might be: Would the traditional lawn ceremony of graduation be rained out? Happily, there was no rain to dampen the high spirits of graduates, faculty, and staff. Hundreds of proud families and friends covered the hillside rising up from Page Terrace in front of Grafton Library to witness the event. We were privileged to welcome Sheila Crump Johnson, co-founder of Black Entertainment Television and owner of Salamander Farm in Middleburg, Virginia, as our Commencement speaker. It was a morning to remember, to hold dear.

Sheila Crump Johnson

alumnae/i news

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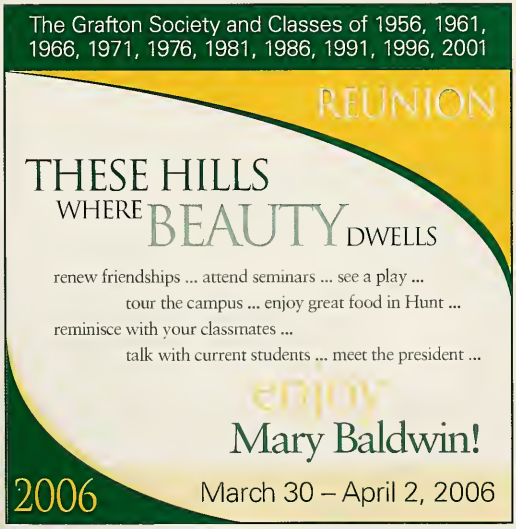
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Alumnae/i Association President's Letter

I am excited about Reunion 2006 and look forward to seeing those of you who will be celebrating reunions next spring in Staunton. Our alumnae/i board, committees, and Mary Baldwin alumnae staff have been planning a weekend of memorable activities for our enjoyment. Plan to stay up to date with reunion by going online to *www.mbc.edu/reunion* — and keep sending your photos!

Many of you have noted the separation of Reunion Weekend (March 30–April 2, 2006) and Commencement (May 19–21, 2006). With the many exciting activities planned for alumnae/i during Reunion Weekend, and for graduates and their families during Commencement Weekend, it has become increasingly difficult to hold these two events at the same time. By scheduling these important major events on different weekends, the college will be able to devote even more attention and resources (space, time, people) to its alumnae/i, as well as its graduates. Because the month of May is one of the busiest for many Mary Baldwin alumnae/i (family graduations, weddings, school events, and more), it is our hope that the March 30–April 2, 2006 date will allow more alumnae/i to return to the college to enjoy their reunions.

On behalf of all of you, I extend a warm welcome to Jennifer Brillhart Kibler '91, the new executive director of Alumnae/i and Parent Relations. She is passionate about Mary Baldwin and brings enthusiastic leadership to the college through her many talents as a motivator and communicator.

I am grateful to the talented, energetic and devoted women who serve with me on the Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors. They represent you well, spanning seven decades, and representing nine states and the District of Columbia. We are committed to strengthening the college by giving our time, talents and financial resources. I ask you to do the same. You can show your support by attending reunion, MBC events in Staunton and in your area, with your annual gifts, and as a volunteer board member.

The Alumnae/i Board offers its full support to Dr. Fox, the faculty, and staff as they continue the implementation of the 10-year strategic plan, *Composing Our Future*. You can *see* some of the visible changes that took place this summer online at: *www.mbc.edu/strategic_plan*

Thank you for your continuing interest and support of Mary Baldwin College.

Ann Gordon Abbott Evans '65
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'On behalf of all members of the Mary Baldwin College Alumnae/i Association, I offer heartfelt sorrow to those of you who have suffered from the affects of hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the Gulf states. I sincerely thank all of you who have reached out to assist others in the long and difficult recovery. We stand united to help in whatever way we can.'

— Ann Gordon Abbott Evans '65

2005 Reunion

Two Long-Time Friends Named as Honorary Alumnae/i

Virginia Ridge, director of food service at MBC, was surprised during Reunion 2005 to be named an honorary alumna by the Alumnae/i Association. Ridge was moved to tears: "It is the greatest thing in the world to be recognized, because I know how hard everyone here works and I have incredible respect for them."

William Pollard, college librarian emeritus and college archivist, was also touched to receive honorary alumni status by the Alumnae/i Association. Honorary status is rare and all the more meaningful when bestowed.

Alumnae/i Awards Given at Reunion

front row (left to right)

Becky Cannaday Merchant '63
Emily Wirsing Kelly Leadership Award

Carol Kirchner Eliason '50
Service to Community Award

Janet Russell Steelman '52
Emily Smith Medallion

Melissa Joel Baldwin '06
Emily Wirsing Kelly Scholarship

back row (left to right)

Timothy A. Kelly
Donor and Presenter of the Emily Wirsing Kelly Leadership Award and the Emily Wirsing Kelly Scholarship

Paula Stephens Lambert '65
Career Achievement Award

Betsy Berry Williamson '48
Service to Church Award

Erin Marie Baker '07
Virginia L. Lester Scholarship

PHOTOS BY DANIELLE MCMILLION

These notes and information were collected April through September 2005. To send us updates and share news with classmates, please complete the classmate update card enclosed in this magazine.

1935

MARTHA LOGAN Crissman of Hilton Head SC: "I turned 90 years old last summer, but stay well physically. Mentally? Could be better. I live at Seabrook, a retirement home, with many friends."

1938

LELIA HUYETT White of Charlestown WV plays bridge, nine holes of golf, and enjoys going out to dinner.

SARAH LACY Miller of Harrisonburg VA and husband Gil sold their farm and moved to Sunnyside Retirement Community in October 2003. She attended Grafton Society last year, and enjoyed the wonderful changes at Mary Baldwin.

1939

MARGARET "PEGGY" BROWNING Busick of Lake Ridge VA and husband Chris celebrated their 60th anniversary in September 2004. Their children and granddaughter live nearby.

MARY CRONIN Wolfe of Silver Spring MD has nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

MYRTLE FOY Hennis of Mt. Airy NC writes that husband Samuel died recently. She sees **ELIZABETH "Lib" BANNER Hudgins '39, ELIZABETH "BETTY" GRONEMEYER Wise '39,** and **PAULINE OSBORN Crawford '39**

HARRIETT LOW Brown of Bridgeport WV: "My husband Paul died in June 2001. I am still living in our home and have four grandchildren and one great grandson."

1940

JEAN BAUM Mair of Bloomfield CT is living in a retirement community. She has stopped driving and traveling, but enjoys reading and volunteer work in the library and greenhouse. She visits daugther Margaret in CT and son Edward in MA.

SARA "SANCE" FERRELL Shay of Linthicum Heights MD travels across the Chesapeake Bay to visit her daughter and family, and two grandsons visit her. She and her daughter enjoyed a stay at Bethany Beach DE. She stays busy and in good health.

EMMA PADGETT Fitzhugh of Newport News VA: "I'm no longer walking like a duck – now like a drunk (when weary) but without pain and no cane!" She is in a charismatic church, World Outreach Worship Center.

THELMA RIDDLE Golightly of Jacksonville FL still drives, keeps up with church activities, teaches Sunday School, and enjoys bridge, book club, and visiting friends.

MARY "PEE WEE" VAN ATTA Derr of Boulder CO is writing for *The Mirror*, a monthly paper for Frasier Meadows Retirement Community. She is learning to work with clay and enjoys reading. She lives with her cat Missy.

1941

NANCY CLARK McLennan of Atlanta GA: "I wish I could remember all I learned at Mary Baldwin."

LOUISE KINKEL Boehmke of Saratoga Springs NY reports that she and daughter Carolyn took a six-week train trip across the southern border of our country, stopping in Cajun country and Tucson/Nogales at Elderhostels, ending at daughter Margaret's home in California.

MARY "TOMMIE" THOMAS Moorhead of Lynchburg VA is very ill with osteoporosis. Husband Jesse died in October 2000.

1942

ANNE HAYES Davis of Greensboro NC and husband John have been happy for six years now, and have 26 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. They love to dance, play bridge, and go to church and Bible studies.

ELEANOR "HI" JAMISON Supple of Staunton VA celebrated a 63rd reunion at Reunion 2005 with classmates **ELISABETH WHITE Willard '42, EMILY EAKLE Morgan '42, HANNAH CAMPBELL Boatwright '42,** and **LESLIE SYRON '42**.

MARGARET "MAC" MCDONALD White of King William VA: "In May 2005 my husband Brydie and I retired (sold our two funeral homes). I retired from teaching in 1975. Giving up a three-generation business is not easy."

NANCY MCWHORTER Hurley of Silver Spring MD flew to Oregon in June to join son Douglas and his wife for the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland. She also flew to Maine to visit daughter Carol and her husband. She's sorry she missed Reunion 2005!

CAROLYN NORTON Brushwood of Lawrence KS states that youngest grandson John James was in Nepal teaching English to Buddhist monks, who were 8-16 years old.

KATHRYN "KAY" POERSCHKE Stevens of Naples FL: "Garth died in May. We had just returned from a cruise, when he became ill. I lost my dancing partner, so sad."

1943

FRANCES KNIGHT Nottel of Orlando FL: "My dear husband Bob died in June 2004. I am busy with family, friends, church and social activities. There is much to do here."

MARGARET MAYER Ward of Washington DC gardens, reads, and listens to good music. She travels, although nothing matched the four-month round-the-world trip she took aboard a freighter.

MARGARET MCMURRAY Hottel of Harrisonburg VA is living at Sunnyside Retirement Community and is on the go with friends and church. She attended the Grafton Society luncheon in May 2005 for the first time and saw many friends.

RUTH PETERS Sproul of Staunton VA: "I enjoyed the 2005 reunion luncheon immensely. **MARGARET MCMURRAY Hottel** and I were the only ones from 1943. She lives at Sunnyside in Harrisonburg. **GLORIA PARADIES Rothmayer '43** is doing fine and dating!"

1944

GRACE DRYDEN Venable of Towson MD: "Two grandchildren got married and we are moving into a retirement home soon."

MARGARET "MARGARET ANN" GARRETT Byrd of Southern Pines NC has been living at Belle Meade, a retirement resort, for two years.

VIRGINIA "GINIA" GILLIAM Lewis of Brookfield WI went to Hawaii, and to Canada to participate in a curling tournament. She also spent a few days at Ft. Hills in Phoenix.

VIRGINIA "GINNY" GOCHENOUR Reid of Staunton VA: "I have an international family." Granddaughter Sarah married a man from Poland in May in Poland. Jacki adopted a boy from Korea.

JOYCE GOLDSTEIN Moseley of Ruston LA is the working owner of Ruston Travel Service. She has four grandchildren, ages 1-17.

JOSEPHINA "JODIE" HANNAH Hull of Charlottesville VA: "At 82, all is well."

MARGUERITE "MARGIE" HARWOOD Kreisle of Austin TX sold her lake house to actress Sandra Bullock seven years ago and moved closer to town. She has five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

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EMALINE MCGRATH Graham of Louisville KY: "Retired and loving it! Children and spouses keep me in the present, and six grandchildren share their interests in our future — one grandchild is getting a doctorate in nano technology."

NANCY SCHETTLER Gordon of Charlottesville VA moved from Florence, Italy. She is pleased to be back.

1945

HELEN "COOKIE" COOK McQuillen of Port Orange FL received the Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership award in 2004.

MARGARET MCBRYDE Patterson of Lake Worth FL had a visit from her daughter **ELIZABETH "LIBBY" PATTERSON Pinto '75** and son-in-law Rodger, and two of her four grandchildren.

NANCY "NETT" NETTLETON Rood of Trumbull CT is still "plugging" along. Granddaughter Katie was married in October 2004 to Kevin Holland.

1946

CORNELIA "CONNIE" ADAIR Green of Bristol TN is gardening, painting (mostly watercolors), doing church work and enjoying family. Her newest great grandchild (#10) was born in London.

VIRGINIA BRIDGERS Corrigan of San Antonio TX is looking forward to being a great-grandmother in 2006.

MARJORIE MOORE Council of Lake Waccamaw NC has had two busy years as moderator of Presbyterian Women. Her eight grandchildren are a joy. One grandaughter married in May in Atlanta. "One of the blessings of my life is my friendship with **BETTY NEISLER Timberlake '45**."

JANE PROFFIT Pruett of Staunton VA spent Apple Day 2005 on campus having Apple Brunch in the dining hall while regaling staff and students with memories of her own Apple Days, which they all enjoyed!

JOAN MORAN Smith of Farmville NC: "Son David, his wife, and their three children have been in Kiev, Ukraine for eight years, where her son worked as a teacher and missionary. They are returning to work for the Navigators at University of South Carolina.

1947

SARAH "SALLY" BEALS Holzbach of Newport News VA is well and traveling. She sees **MARY KNOX Weir '47** a couple of times a year in Del Mar CA.

BARBARA "BABS" BIXLER Elliott of Brevard SC talks to **ETHEL MCCANTS Lowder '47** and **ELIZABETH "BETTY" LACY McClure '47**. She and husband Dan are thankful for good health and enjoy nearby grandchildren.

MARGUERITE "MUGGY" GASTON Garrett of Lufkin TX had knee replacement in November 2004 so she got out of decorating for the holidays, and her kids did all the cooking. She is up now and enjoys her gardens and her granddaughter, 11.

MARIANNA "JAMI" JAMISON Leach of Leesburg VA is recovering from lung cancer that moved to her spine. She's better and "intends to survive."

1948

MARGARET "MAGGIE" CLARKE Kirk of Durham NC visited with her sister **HARRIETTE "HAPPY" CLARKE Thorne '47**, her husband Bill, and their family, to celebrate her 80th birthday. "The Clarke girls are still having fun!"

HELEN DE VORE Mattenson of St. Louis MO: "My sister **JEAN DE VORE Calhoun '50** flew from Maryland to visit last March." Helen visits her husband, who has Alzheimers, every other day in a nursing home.

ELIZABETH "BETTY SUE" GASTON Patton of Woodbridge VA and husband Frank enjoy Linville Resorts in NC from May to October, as they have for 70 years. He loves golf and they live on the #1 fairway. The son of **HARRIET MCLEAN Slaughter '48**, who is a lawyer in Norfolk VA, was called to serve in Iraq.

MARGARET GETTY Wilson of Richmond VA is working with therapy dogs visiting nursing homes, hospitals, and schools.

HARRIET MCLEAN Slaughter of Lumberton NC writes that son Robert, 52, a member of the Army Reserve and a lawyer, has been deployed to Iraq in the International Zone.

DOROTHY "DOT" WILSON Vincent of Cambridge MD plays bridge and enjoys her children and grandchildren. Husband Bill has Parkinson's disease.

1949

ELIZABETH "BETTY" FARRINGTON Felegara of Keene NH sold her house in Richmond NH and bought a condo in Keene, "closer to civilization."

JEAN "FARO" FARROW of Norfolk VA is a retired school principal and volunteers with American Cancer Society.

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Enjoying a mini-reunion in June 2005 (l to r): **MARY COLONNA Robertson '56, ALINE POWERS Hudson '56, MARY BEALE Black '56,** and **REID STRICKLAND Nottingham '56.**

Attending a dinner at the home of **BETTY KELLEY Peple '62** in Richmond, VA (l to r): **SHIRLEY FILE Robbins '62, DOUGLAS LAUGHON Wallace '62, KENT SEABURY Rowe '62, JANE COLEMAN Balfour '62, BETTY KELLEY Peple '62, ANTOINETTE "TONI" HARRISON Jamison '62,** and **CATHERINE "KIT" TANNER Kavanagh '62.**

Attending the 2005 SEC women's basketball tournament in SC were **JANE TOWNES '69, SUSAN TRAIN Fearon '69,** and **PAMELA "PAM" LEIGH Anderson '84.**

Celebrating the October 2004 wedding of **KATHERN "KATY" MEYER '02** and Rodney Hulse of Staunton VA: (top to bottom) Kristin Jefferson, Leigh Gosper, **EMILIE BETH GLOVER '02** (bridesmaid), the bride, **SUZANNAH MEYER Zachos '97** (bride's sister and matron of honor), **KELLY MICHELLE WIMMER '02** (bridesmaid), Anne Saunders, **KERRY LYNN BLEKFELD '02** (bridesmaid), and **LEAH RAEANN GRIFFITH '03**

HELEN HOUGHTON Peters of Oceanside CA is living in a retirement community and enjoys traveling, bridge, snorkeling and seven great grandchildren.

JULIA JOHNSTON Belton of Melbourne FL writes that husband, Dr. Joseph Burckhalter, died in May 2004. She became a great grandmother again when Maeve Hannah Jackson was born.

1950

JEANNE "BUNNY" FURRH of Franklin VA is living at the Village at Woods Edge. "Getting old is awful, but is as pleasant as possible at the Village." **OUIDA CALDWELL DAVIS '51** is well and also living there.

MARY HORTON Waldron of Gaithersburg MD enjoys life at Asbury Methodist Village though her husband is "a complete invalid."

MARY "CUTIE" MATTHEWS Park of Norfolk VA has 10 grandchildren.

BESS PLATCO Smith of Greenville SC went to London and the Baltic countries, including St. Petersburg, Russia. She was "interested in the socio-economic and political situations."

MARILYN SIMPSON Williams of Montgomery AL: "Ben and I went on a Mississippi riverboat cruise and also to Washington DC to see the WWII Memorial dedicated in 2004."

PENNIE WEST Covington of Atlanta GA had a second knee replacement in November 2004. Husband Hewitt had triple bypass surgery. Their granddaughter was valedictorian of her high school class and is attending Davidson.

MARGARET WILSON Wood of Charlottesville VA was hoping to attend some Reunion 2005 events. Husband Jim is in a nursing home.

1951

LILIAN BEDINGER Taylor of Washington DC reports that son Tom was interviewed by National Public Radio on *Morning Edition* in a series on "Life Changes." He's a first year resident at Oregon Health and Sciences University; and his son Benjamin was born last January.

ELIZABETH "BETTY" BLOUNT Brundick of Jacksonville FL is sorry to have missed Reunion!

BETTY STALL MULLIKIN of Aiken SC enjoyed a trip to the British Isles with **ELSIE MARTIN Anderson '51** and **EMMA MARTIN Hubbard '50.**

1952

BETTY GWALTNEY Schutte of Boyce VA has 'mini-reunions' with old MBC pals.

VIRGINIA "PATTI" MANN Zeigler of Fort Worth TX and husband John enjoy vacations in Ruidoso, NM. She loves gardening and participates in Home and Garden Club flower shows.

ANNE STUART Richardson of Gloucester VA writes that daughter Anne Dabney Asphen was married last September and lives in Baltimore MD. Son Stuart lives nearby, so she sees him often.

1953

MARILYN "HONEY" MYERS Lee of Largo FL reports that husband William passed away last June.

EVA POUND Rothschild of Columbus GA writes that her husband of 47 years, Alan, died last May.

JEANNE SHERRILL Boggs of Statesville NC and husband Bob enjoyed a Carribean cruise with friends. Oldest grandchild Nicholas finished his first year at the Merchant Marine Academy in NY. His brother Casey graduated from high school, and the other eight grandkids are well.

WEBER STONER Taylor of Fredericksburg VA writes that her mother died last year at the age of 98. Her great granddaughter is two, and her grandson graduated from JMU in 2005. She spends every third month in Anguilla and says, "Come see us!"

1954

CONSTANCE "CONNIE" HEADAPOHL DeBerardinis of Athens OH: She and husband Tony enjoy traveling.

IRENE JOHNSON Cherry of Washington DC had total hip replacement in 2004. Husband Abe died in 2004. She has moved back to DC and is enjoying city life.

KITTY MCCONNELL Henninger of Abingdon VA: She and husband Gerry enjoy life in Abingdon and stay busy with the Historical Society of Washington County, Blacks' Fort Chapter of DAR, church, travel, and nine grandchildren.

MARTHA MCKNIGHT Huey of Hot Springs AR is widowed and spends time visiting six children, 12 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren in different states.

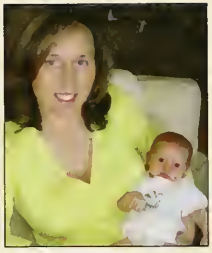
ELEANOR "LEE" YEAKLEY Gardner of Bellevue WA visited her mother Mildred, son Brian and his family. Her daughter received a masters in education and teaches in Washington. Her granddaughter is engaged.

1955

SARA HUGHES Cox of Geneva AL has four grandchildren, two girls and two boys. Her eldest granddaughter attends St. Margaret's in Tappahannock VA. She visits the other grandchildren in Birmingham and Atlanta.

Attending the April 2004 wedding of **LAUREN LOUISE LOGAN '96** and Douglas Gates (l to r): **BRIDGETT KRYSTINAK King '93, SANDY WILLIAMS Zamalis '96, SHARON HARRIS Guglielmini '96, MARY CATHERINE COLLINS '96, LAUREN LOGAN Gates '96,** Mary Ann Kasselmann, **JULIE RENN MAUER '96, PEGGY JO "PEG" RUSNAK '96,** and **LISA MCGRANN Morris '96**

Mothers and daughters enjoying a vacation at Figure 8 Island in NC: **MELISSA WYER Sanders '77** and Grace, **LIZ LIPSCOMB Coffee '77** and Mary Gardener and Cary, **DOUGLAS MONCURE BUTLER '77** and Neale, and **BETSY GATES Moore '77** and Liza.



JANE TOWNES '69 recruits the class of 2026 with t-shirts seen here on Ava Jayne Pulver, niece of **MARY ALICE Bomar '93**

PRISCILLA MARKLEY Cook of Midlothian VA is a retired instructional assistant from Chesterfield County Schools. She's been married 50 years to husband William and has four living children and six grandchildren.

ELEANOR HARWELL of Sandwich IL is sorry she missed Reunion 2005. She was in Minnesota for her granddaughter's senior band concert at that time.

ELSIE-GRAY "ELSIE" WEST Tryon of Gastonia NC enjoys seeing her three daughters and seven grandchildren. She loves traveling in a 36' motor home with four cats and a dog. Last spring she was presented Honorary Life Membership of Presbyterian Women and is active in DAR.

1956

MARGARET "DOLLY" ADAIR Atmar of Houston TX is a volunteer docent at the zoo. She and husband Dick were planning a month-long trip to New Zealand and Australia.

MARY "ELAINE" BALDWIN of San Ramon CA is retired from National Institutes of Health and moved to CA to live with her daughter and grandson, 10. Another daughter lives in NC, and when Elaine visits, she sees **JEANETTE FISHER Reid '56**

ELLEN GIBSON Shaw of Beaufort SC stays busy with tennis, book clubs, choral groups, Friends of the Library board, and keeping up with family and old friends.

ELLAWELLS "DUTCHIE" MILLIGAN Williams of Matthews NC: "No new grandchildren this year (we're up to nine). I have a new 'Ragdoll' and 'Kitten Lucy Liu.'"

ELEANOR "ELLIE" REYNOLDS Henderson of Winter Haven FL says it's hard to believe the Class of 1956 will celebrate its 50th reunion in 2006. She hopes everyone will make a big effort to attend, as the 50th will be very special!

1957

PAULA BRANCH Holt of San Francisco CA continues her psychotherapy practice, and is the proud grandmother of Gillian, 7, Cecilia, 4, and Finn, 1.

BARBARA BULLOCK Williams of Houston TX and husband John became grandparents to John Wendell Graham, 7 lbs., 9 oz.

VIRGINIA "BOB" DILLON Gorman of Montgomery AL delights in son Jeff, his wife Theresa, and their two daughters, Kathlene and Rebecca. "I'm handicapped and semi-homebound, so traveling is zero, but I'm not nursing home bait yet!"

ANN RASMUSSEN Parker of Kennesaw GA and husband John retired in 1980, and spend time with church work and volunteer organizations. They traveled to China and Thailand. Children and grandchildren live nearby, and they'll celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next June.

CARLA RICKER Nix of Dallas TX and her husband have bought an engraving business with their son. "Business is booming!"

NANCY THOADS Miller of Lake Lure NC and husband Robert are moving permanently to their mountain home and will be near two of their children and their families, and not too much farther from the other two and their families.

FRANCES "FRAN" WILLS Delcher of Baltimore MD and husband Leo are proud of their daughter and son-in-law, who is in admissions at Roanoke College. They enjoy their grandsons Joshua, 9, and Jacob, 7.

1958

KAY LESSLEY Linnane of Fishersville VA writes that after 43 years in other parts of VA, she and husband Jim have moved back to Staunton. She hopes to see fellow graduates at MBC events.

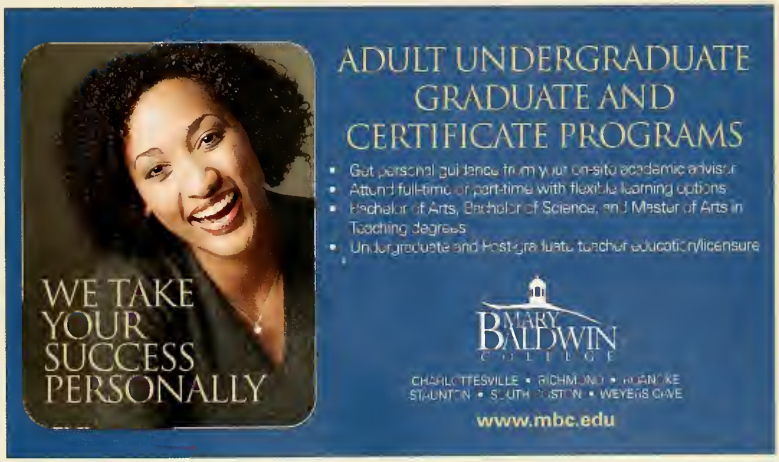
1959

VIRGINIA BRUCE Cooke of Glen Allen VA and husband Tom enjoy visiting their river home in Rockbridge Baths VA. She teaches GED classes to adults and also teaches in a pre-school.

SANDRA ESQUIVEL Snyder of Dallas TX writes that after waiting seven months, her husband Bill received a strong heart. "The life-changing experience has made us thankful for the incredible gift " and his seamless recovery.

MARGARET FOSTER Curtis of Ridgeland SC is a nurse practioner and has six grandchildren ages 4-17. She and her family love deep sea fishing and picnicing in the islands.

VIRGINIA "GINGER" HOFLER Duvall of Los Angeles CA had a reunion with MBC classmates and Phi Kapps at the home of **HELEN SMITH McCallum '59** in Richmond in 2004. She has also seen **RUTH HAWKINS Molony '59** and **VIRGINIA BRUCE Cooke '59**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JESYCA HOPE WOODS-POWERS '98 married Dr. Howard Rodenberg in June 2005.

Members of the Class of 1963 at a mini-reunion in San Antonio TX in April 2005 on a boat ride at River Walk (l to r): **HONEY BESSIRE Morris '63, BECKY CANNADAY Merchant '63, LYNN BUTTS Preston '63, SUE JORDAN Rodarte '63, MARTY BAILEY Groos '63, LINDA DUNCAN Wyatt '63, EMILY DETHLOFF RYAN '63, JANE COULBOURN Marshall '63, SHEARER TROXELL Luck '63, TERRY GEGGIE Fridley '63, CAROLYN HALDEMAN Hawkins '63**, and **BETSY EVANS Baxter '63**.

ERIN MCDONOUGH Howard '04 married 2Lt Josh Howard last June. MBC friends in attendance were (l to r) **NICHOLE FARQUHAR '04, ERIN BALLEW O'Reilly '04,** the bride, **ELLESE FERREOL '05,** and **CHRISTINE "CHRISSY" KELLAS '05**

MCCHESNEY MAYER Grabau of Ashburn VA hopes to return to Johannesburg, South Africa to help her daughter, who has an orphanage in her home. It has been a year of illness, but McChesney stays busy with church activities, friends, and family.

EMORY O'SHEE Apple of Louisville KY has five grandchildren under age five. She finished a year as president of University of Louisville Woman's Club, and 12 years doing Income Tax for the Elderly.

KATHERINE "SIDNEY" WILLIAMS Gooding of Campobello SC loves upcountry SC horse farms, where they moved. She has "two new knees." Her youngest daughter married in San Francisco, CA.

1960

LINDA EARLE Duncan of Southern Pines NC retired from school administration two years ago; became a widow one year ago; travels and plays tennis now.

BARBARA GUFFEY of Staunton VA retired after 30 years of teaching and does volunteer work for two libraries in Staunton.

NANCY HOOKER Manning of Kinston NC has three married sons, and they enjoy three granddaughters and one grandson. They "are blessed with good health, family and friends!"

REBEKAH LEWIS Krivsky of Clayton GA stays busy with Relay for Life, March of Dimes, and Walk America. She and husband Jerry have five grandchildren and enjoy their choral concerts, dance recitals, soccer games, and children's theater.

VIRGINIA "GINGIA" PALMER Yerger of Jackson MS is in the real estate business, and husband Swan is a circuit judge. They have six grandsons, and daughter Virginia Avisto lives on Lookout Mountain in TN. Rivers Purkett lives in Pass Christian MS.

SUSAN SPEAKE Noble of Montgomery AL reports that three of five daughters are married and the twins are employed in the Birmingham school system. She and husband John have seven grandchildren — one granddaughter and six grandsons.

1961

JULIA HICKSON Crim of Lynchburg VA is a commissioned lay chaplain at Carrington Health and Rehabilitation Center. Son Tom is in Staunton, son David is a pastor in Flagstaff AZ, son Will is an artist in San Luis Obispo CA; and daughter Laura is in her first year at McCormick Seminary in Chicago.

CYNTHIA KAY HUNDLEY Fisher of San Francisco CA, traveling Pole to Pole, made her seventh trip to Africa and visited China again. She is volunteering in special places, has four grandchildren, and celebrated her 42nd anniversary with husband Robert.

LOU "LOU ELLEN" NORDHOLT Bramwell of Knoxville TN: "Charlie and I are grandparents of two boys (sons of Chase and Karen) in Ohio. Son David is a newlywed in NJ."

BARBARA WOODHAM Sims of Augusta GA became a commissioner in government about two years ago, having first closed her children's store.

MARY BRUCIE WOODS Moore of Corpus Christi TX is retired and went to China in 2003 with family members, including sister **LYDIA WOODS Peale '58**. She and husband Jerry attended their grandson's high school graduation in Santa Fe NM, and the wedding of classmate **MARY "WOO" SHACKELFORD Mumford's '61** son in Boston.

1962

ELIZABETH BETSY DICKERSON Brown of Indianapolis IN is a sustaining member of Junior League of Indianapolis. She's active in her neighborhood association. Husband David introduced her to Indiana Astronomical Society which she enjoys.

SALLY HELTZELL Pearsall of Mobile AL is retired but still sings in Mobile Opera Chorus. She has two grandchildren in town and two more in NC. She and husband David travel to big tennis tournaments.

MARGARET "PEGGY" SAUNDERS Hayes of Hampton VA has survived a second year of widowhood. She exercises, volunteers at church, travels, and helped start a widow/er group.

KENT SEABURY Rowe of Richmond VA retired and lives near her daughter. She sees **ANTOINETTE "TONI" HARRISON Jamison '62, BETTY KELLEY Peple '62,** and **ANN LEE ALEXANDER Cook '62**. She vacationed in Sag Harbor and Italy.

VERA "VERA CARL" THOMAS James of Trophy Club TX retired from teaching kindergarten in June 2004. She is a volunteer usher at Bass Hall in Fort Worth.

MARTHA WADE Bradford of Birmingham AL has eight grandchildren. She visited with **MINNIELYNN MARTIN Clay '62** and her husband in KY in October 2004. Minnielynn sang at the Bradfords' wedding and they had not seen each other since.

1963

JOANN BROWN Morton of Columbia SC published her latest book, *Working with Women Offenders in Correctional Institutions*, last year.

MARTHA FANT Hays of Sardis MS has 13 grandchildren, two from Kazakhstan and one from China. Husband William retired and they were planning an Alaskan cruise.

LINDA "LYNNE" FOBES Marion of Scottsdale AZ is single; finished her masters in education from NAU, and is doing bully prevention training.

CAROLYN HALDEMAN Hawkins of Hampton VA was anticipating a Class of 1963 mini-reunion in San Antonio last April.

KATHERINE SPROUL Perry of Berwyn PA and husband Bradley retired. They plan to move to a retirement community in Winchester VA late in 2006.

BARBARA "BUNNY" WISHART Johnson of Westminster MD spent a month last Christmas in Darwin, Australia visiting son Chris and his family, including grandchildren Georgia, 8, Annie, 4, and Patrick, 2.

1964

KAREN APPLEBY Baughan of Luray VA has a few medical problems, "but life is wonderful with husband Lowell and a new grandson."

SENAH BUCHANAN Seagle of Bristol TN retired from real estate and moved from FL to her hometown of Bristol in June. She hopes to spend more time with two grandsons and photography

ANN CALVIN Rogers-Witte of Phoenix AZ is a southwest conference minister and was recommended unanimously to lead the UCC's Wider Ministries.

SALLY DORSEY of Atlanta GA is building a second home in Bali, Indonesia. She is in the 2006 Class of Leadership Atlanta. She and husband Herb Miller love their service on the MBC Advisory Board of Visitors.

ALICE FARRIOR Butler of Portsmouth VA spent last May in France. She enjoys retirement and is still doing a little training.

JULIANE JORGENSEN Taylor of Greer SC retired as director of First Presbyterian Church pre-school and kindergarten after 26 years. She enjoys grandsons Ben, 3, and Ashton, 2.

VICTORIA "VICKIE" REID Argabright of Richmond VA had a mini-reunion with **SUSANNE "Sue" FOWLKES '64, GLENN ELLEN DOWNIE '64, MOLLIE REHMET Cannady '64,** and another alumna in Big Indian NY.

1965

SUSAN BROWNE Webb of Covington VA opened an Oriental rug shop in Lexington VA called Art on the Floor. For eight years, she and husband Fred have taken groups to Wyoming for fly fishing. Fred is on the SMA Alumni Board. "It's always fun to be back."

STUART CHAPMAN Cobb of Little Rock AR is national president of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

DIANE COOPER Byers of Weaverville NC retired and is enjoying her 96-year-old mother and seven grandchildren. She's sorry to have missed the last Reunion!

MARTHA FARMER Copeland of Corbin KY went to law school at 40 and has been practicing law since. She has two sons and daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren. She took her first trip to DisneyWorld.

MARGARET GUNTER Riddle of Asheville NC sings in her church choir. She performed with Asheville Symphony Chorus and Chamber Chorus, and went to France to study conversational French. She works on family genealogy.

DOROTHY "DOTTIE" IAFRATE Rudy of Healdsburg CA has moved from the Florida Keys. Younger son Michael married Jaime Royer in CT. Older son Jonathan works at Standard & Poors in NYC. Hubby Hohn is retired, but she still has her company, Spanish Works!

MARGARET JACKSON Woodcock of Raleigh NC is retired, and son Kevin graduated from college.

DALE MIDGETTE Smith of Winter Park FL celebrated daughter Kathryn's graduation from Rollins College *summa cum laude*. She's working part-time in her psychotherapy practice, and writes and sings. Married five years, she enjoys her 18-month-old grandson, with another on the way. "**JULENE REESE Roberts '65** and I e-mail and had a visit here. I hear from **RANDI NYMAN Halsell '65, EMY MARTIN Halpert '65**, and **NINI NASH Truesdale '65**."

MARSHA NYE Adler of Mt. View CA has worked in politics, state government and at San Francisco State University. She is consulting on education and community service policy and evaluation. Husband Bill is a corporate attorney, and son Andrew is a writer in NM.

CHARLOTTE TYSON Mewborn of Farmville NC went to the Tetons and Yellowstone. She's redoing her 1970s kitchen, is active in church work, sings, teaches, and enjoys theater. She also spends time with grandchildren Leslie 2, and Tyson 9 months.

ELIZABETH BETSY WALKER Cate of Eastover SC lives on a farm and feeds dogs, cats, and horses daily. Her three children are married, and her oldest son has three children. She and husband Billy went to Belize in April with her MBC roomie **STUART CHAPMAN Cobb '65** of AR and her husband Jimbo.

1966

LUDMILA "TINA" BRATINA Burns of Shepherdstown WV went to the Dominican Republic on a medical mission and served as a medical interpreter. "They are warm and welcoming people living in extreme poverty."

KAREN COWSERT Pryor of Rochester NY enjoys seeing granddaughter Maya Walker, 2, who lives in Baltimore.

FRANCES FRAN DAVIS Pollard of Glyndon MD: "Doug and I enjoy visiting our three grandchildren in NY and KY."

BETSEY GALLAGHER Satterfield of Lewisburg WV says her daughter Polly had identical twin girls in 2004. She and husband Bill babysit for the twins and grandson Riley, 4. She sees **JUNE MCLAUGHLIN Strader '66.**

ANNE HUTTON Zimmerschied of Sheridan WY has 12 grandchildren. She works at Powder Horn Golf Community in the real estate department, and is traveling the western U.S., Mexico, and Hawaii.

JUNE MCLAUGHLIN Strader of Virginia Beach VA will retire after 25 years in school fundraising for *Reader's Digest*. She and **BETSEY GALLAGHER Smith '66** (MBC roommate for four years) stay close, and their husbands are best friends.

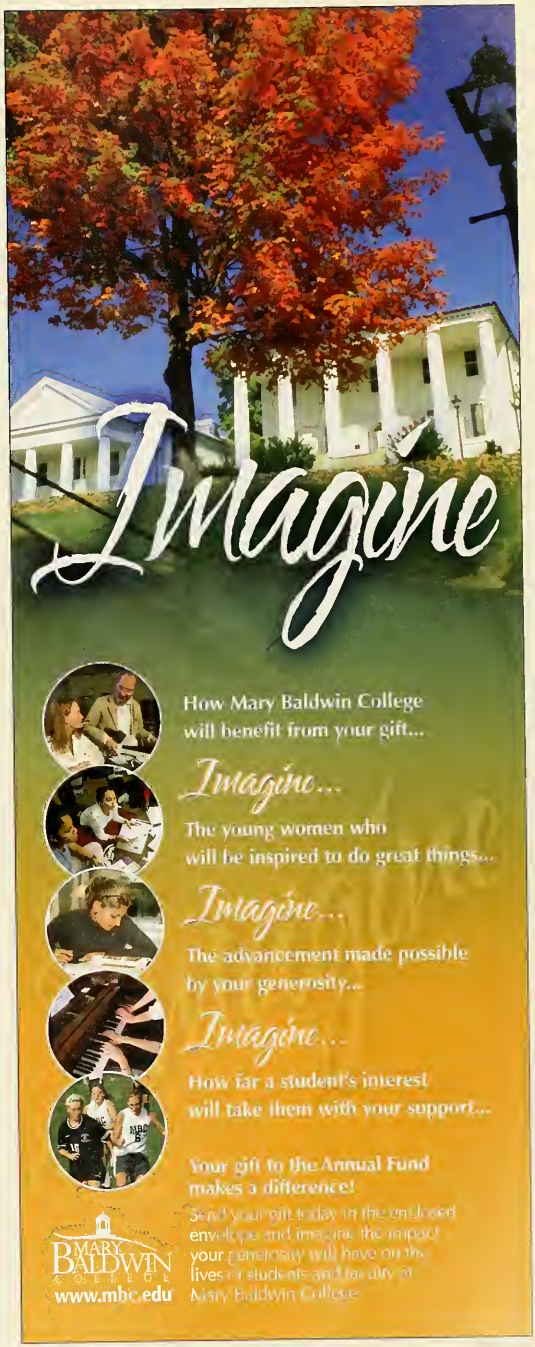
SAMMY ANN PRIMM Marshall of Germantown TN enjoys playing with grandbabies, travel, gardening, and reading.

MARY WALKER RANIER Eanes of Greenville SC is doing interior design. Husband Jimmy is looking forward to retiring from banking. They visit their daughters and grandchildren in TX and FL.

MARTHA RATCHFORD Bean of Youngstown NY is living in western New York. Her husband passed away last November and she says, "It's been difficult."

CLAUDIA TURNER Aycock of Houston TX has an antique business and husband Charlie practices law. Daughter **CHARLOTTE "CHERRY" AYCOCK '00** is working in development at the Houston Zoo.

JANE "JAN" WIETHOFF Price of Richmond VA teaches piano and does watercolor and oil artwork. She and husband Jim went to Normandy for an educational tour. No grandchildren yet. She sees **ALICE TOLLEY Goodwin '66, CARRIE GOODWIN Louthan '66, HEIDI BRANDT Robertson '66**, and **TRUDIE DAVENPORT Goodykoontz '67**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Legacy luncheon at Alumnae House held in August 2005 for new MBC students who have alumnae/i relatives (l to r): transfer student, **MELISSA RENAE COBB '07**, her sister **MICHELLE COBB Fitzgerald '00** and her son Preston, and the sisters' mother Janet Cobb

Others attending the Legacy luncheon in August 2005 (front row, l to r): new freshman **SARA MAY TYNDALL '09** and her aunt **MARIAN SUE MCDOWELL Whitlock '67** (back row, l to r): MBC President Pamela Fox, Carolyn Hensley, **BRANDI NATE AUSTIN '02, JENNIFER BRILLHART Kibler '91**, and **ANNE MCINTOSH HOLLAND '00.**

1967

MARGARET ALLEN Palmer of Nashville TN and husband Alex travel a great deal. Son Stokes married and lives in Nashville. Daughter Elizabeth graduated from Stern School of New York University with an MBA.

ANGELA BLOSE Corley of Carmel IN reports "no big changes."

MARJORIE "MARGIE" GILLESPIE Holt of Newport News VA sailed to the Bahamas on their 44 foot sailboat with husband John. They have three grandsons, and two of them are twins.

CAROL LAWS Slonaker of Midlothian VA moved from her 1898 Victorian townhouse into a new home and enjoys it.

EVELYN "BARRIE" MARTIN Schreck of Richmond VA is an aerobics instructor, and teaches pilates, yoga, mat science, and fit over fifty.

MARY AGNES REUMAN Howard of Charlottesville VA serves on the VA Revolving Fund for Historic Properties; chairs Rivanna Garden Club (GCV) conservation committee; and is on the volunteer board of UVA Museum.

NANCY RUBRIGHT Gates of San Francisco CA reports that son Jeffrey is a senior at University of San Francisco majoring in finance. She and husband Robert work and enjoy weekends at their country place in Napa Valley.

MARGARET "PEGGY" WEAVER Crosson of Fincastle VA retired from Carilion Health System after 26 years. Then she became the first paid executive director for Historic Fincastle, Inc. She visits children and grandson Jack, 2, in Charlotte.

1968

MARTHA "MARTY" HOWARD Patten of Williamsburg VA loves being a grandmother.

MARGARET NEILLE MCRAE Wilson of McRae GA: She and husband Alan retired and enjoy time in Florida on their boat. Son Alan III lives in CO and daughter Pency graduated from Auburn University.

SUSAN "SUE" OGLESBY Doyle of Riverhead NY completed a second master's at Stony Brook University in human resources management in 2004. "After my MBC degree in sociology and a master's in library science, I'm finished with school, and I'll be 60 this year!"

SUSAN PAUL Firestone of New York City NY is a crisis counselor and art therapist at a hospital in lower Manhattan. She works with children, adolescents, adults, and the mentally ill. Note: Susan's art will be exhibited in a show at MBC in February; see page 38.

ELISABETH "BETH" WISE of Raleigh NC says her nephew married a fellow Washington & Lee classmate. She is proud of MBC.

1969

JUDITH "JUDY" BARNETT Dutterer of Winnetka IL and husband Dennis retired. She is an elder at church and active with the Art Institute of Chicago, Northwestern University Settlement House, and gardening and golf.

MARY LOUISE "LOU" GREGORY Wilson of Winston-Salem NC and husband Peter enjoy retirement and travel. Their four grandchildren are close by. Looking forward to attending the wedding of **JANE FURMAN Pressley's '69** daughter and seeing MBC friends there.

M. REBEKAH "BEKAH" KENNEDY Caruso of Nashville TN says son Paul is at the Air Force Academy majoring in space operations. She and husband Bill went on their church choir's Presbyterian Heritage Tour to Scotland and sang in five concerts.

ELIZABETH "BETSY" MAXWELL of Louisville KY retired after teaching kindergarten for 30 years.

MARY WESTON Grimball of Columbia SC is president of Junior Achievement of Central SC. Son Barnwell is living near Charleston. She enjoys seeing **ANNA DUNSON Pressly '69**

1970

ANN DILINGER Elgin of Huntsville AL spent a year in Washington DC and moved back to AL. Her son married last summer.

MARGARET FOGLE of Coral Gables FL is taking care of her parents while daughter Elizabeth Updike completes her fourth year of an OB/GYN residency in Michigan before returning to practice medicine in FL. Son Christopher is an architect in CA and sails in regattas.

LESLIE FREEMAN of Jacksonville FL works for the Navy. She went to her niece's college graduation in San Francisco.

WHITNEY HAYNES Feldmann of Roanoke VA teaches history. Husband Mark practices law, as does daughter Quinn. Son Mark is a doctor, and son Hanes is in real estate in Charleston. They have two beautiful granddaughters and another on the way.

ANTOINETTE "TONI" JOLLY Franklin of Manteo NC retired to the Outer Banks. Daughter **AMANDA FRANKLIN Jernigan '98** had a baby girl — third generation MBC!

ZOE KERBEY Holmes of Kansas City MO works for Marsh USA, Inc as an aviation insurance broker and legal consultant.

MARCH LACKEY Price of Fairfax VA works in human resources for the Department of the Interior as senior employee relations advisor. Husband Gary is with the American Red Cross in database management.

SUSAN "SUE" LANIER Brown of Southern Pines NC hosted the 2005 U.S. Open Golf Tournament in Pinehurst. Daughter Sarah studied art at Sotheby's in London for a semester, and son Carter graduated from medical school at Wake Forest.

VIRGINIA "GINI" MERCER Eyres of Fanny Bay, British Columbia, Canada will retire soon. Older daughter Sara married, and younger daughter Stephanie moved to Australia.

MARGARET "PEGGY" OXFORD Morgan of Charlotte NC has two granddaughters, Barrie, 3, and Adie, 9 months.

ADRIANNE PARRISH Casey of South Lyon MI was sorry to miss her 35th reunion, but she became a grandmother at that time.

JOSEPHINE "JO" ROBINSON Westervelt of Pasadena CA married Scott in 1993. He is chaplain visitor at Hollenbeck House, a retirement community. She chairs San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Women of Vision. Daughter Katherine graduated from University of Oregon; daughter Abbie is at Northeastern University; and son Rhodes moved to CA.

ELISABETH "LISA" ROWLAND Whitbeck of Little Rock AR is painting in oil and acrylics and sells her work in four galleries. Son Deke married; son Jack graduated from University of Arkansas; daughter Libby is a freshman at Boston University; and daughter Selby is a 10th grade cheerleader.

STEPHANIE SHEARER Timm of Ball Ground GA was in WA for two years. They moved two Nubian dairy goats, two dogs, and a rabbit to five acres north of Atlanta. She teaches Spanish and has a French certification from Gallowan School.

LELIA THIERMANN Taylor of Richmond VA is working with her daughters in their bookstore, Creatures 'n Crooks Bookshoppe, and spends time with her grandson.

ISABELLE TURNER Knight of LaGrange GA sells real estate and enjoys helping her daughters with grandchildren, Hooper, 2, Mary Isabelle (Mollie Belle), 2, and Render, 1.

MARTHA LEE Valentine of Knoxville TN and husband Scott have been married more than 29 years, and have one son, Stephen. She teaches precept Bible studies to women.

ELIZABETH "BETTY" WELLS Crenshaw of Vernon France: "We enjoy life in France and travel in Europe. Met a man at a B&B, a bird watcher, who used to live in Staunton and knew Dr. Mehner. We live in Normandie across the Seine from Monet's home."

CHRIS ZIEBE Blanton of Richmond VA works at St. Mary's Hospital in the blood bank as a medical technologist. Husband Charlie buys uranium for a Richmond power company. Son Armistead and daughter Dabney live in the area.

1971

BARBARA LEAVITT Franklin of Fishersville VA is serving a third term as president of the local SPCA; she is gardening as well. Husband Humes is a circuit court judge. Son Tripp practices law in Staunton, and daughter Courtney graduated from Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine and practices in Roanoke. Both are married and she has a granddaughter, 2.

CONSTANCE "CONNIE" SAMSONOFF Martenstein of Richmond VA: "We have three children: Justin, married, is a software engineer in WA; Charles enjoys CO after graduating from the College of William and Mary; and Sarah is a senior at College of Charleston. My husband enjoys his law practice."

1972

SUSAN ALMOND Smith of Mechanicsville VA retired after teaching special education for 31 years. She is teaching some, traveling, volunteering at Lewis Ginter Botanical garden, and "moving at a slower pace!"

JANE RAYSON Young of Chattanooga TN reports that son Matt graduated from University of Tennessee and son Logan graduated from Washington and Lee University.

HARRIET STONEBURNER Bell of Charlottesville VA has a daughter and son-in-law, and two grandchildren, Sarah Beth, 4, and Ryan, 1-1/2. She was expecting another granddaughter in September. She's been teaching biology for 25 years.

1973

ROBYN TIMBERLAKE Ruth of Virginia Beach VA went back to school after her husband's death, and earned a master of divinity. She is chaplain in a local hospital. Daughter Vicki is married and lives in Charlottesville. Daughter Christy is completing a bachelor's degree in accounting.

1974

JAMIE HEWELL Odrezin of Birmingham AL is practicing pediatrics, and her son graduated from high school.

NANCY NODINE Robinson of Montgomery AL graduated from University of Alabama with a master's in public health with emphasis in health care organization and policy. Her youngest son also graduated from that university.

NANCY POMEROY Togar of Asheville NC is grandmother of two beautiful girls, Asya, 2, and Alara, 1.

BRENDA SEYMORE Sanders of Alexandria VA is staff vice president of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington DC.

LISA SLOAN Levin of Topanga CA has her PhD in clinical depth psychology and is a licensed clinical psychologist. She also collaborates on film projects with husband Sid, a feature film editor.

BENTLEY "MAGGIE" WEST Gearhart of Roanoke VA is teaching piano. She traveled to the Dordogne in France last June.

DIANE WHITE Fechtel of Staunton VA: "After 25 years in Atlanta we moved back to Staunton. Tom is a professor in the business school at Bridgewater College. Mark will graduate from Washington and Lee University this spring, and Blake is at University of Texas."

1975

LYNDA BERGEN Wheatley of Worton MD had three graduations in three weeks, one from high school and two from college.

FLORENCE "DEE" BRANDON Allison of Barboursville VA celebrated 29 years of marriage and is teaching middle school French. She spent a week outside Paris visiting the teacher and school where her students have pen pals, and attended AATF Conference in Martinique.

TERRY "J.J." FULTON Mink of Poway CA works part time for the hospitality industry and enjoys playing golf. Son Charlie is in the Army at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey learning Arabic. Daughter Caroline graduated from college in spring 2005.

SUSAN HAMNER Daoust of Needham MA works part-time as an obstetrical nurse at Brigham Women's Hospital in Boston. She completed a second medical mission in Haiti, traveling to remote villages to provide health care.

LINDA HOLDER Gordon of Ponte Vedra FL: Oldest child Emily graduated from University of Florida and is a nurse in PICU at Shands Hospital in FL. Son Phillip is at University of Florida, and son Kevin is at Vanderbilt University and playing soccer.

ANNE MERRY Bell of Augusta GA: "I am a set designer/technical director for community and secondary school theatres. My husband Dennis and son have resigned themselves to living in my 'workshop' (our home)."

LUCY PAIS Clowes of West River MD is a gifted and talented resource teacher.

1976

KATHRYN "KATHY" Lee of South Hadley MA through-hiked the Appalachian Trail in 2002. As she passed through a trail town in MA, she found a job posting for Smith College and now works there as a media specialist.

ELIZABETH "BETSY" BOGGS Freund of New York City NY was nominated for an OTTY award (Our Town Thanks You) for volunteer work with NYC parks. Son Harrison, 13, graduated from middle school.

MARY "KATIE" CLARKE Hamilton of Atlanta GA teaches. Her oldest son graduated from high school and is at Auburn University. She, husband Bill, and their daughter vacationed at the Homestead.

SHIRLEY DOUGLASS of Richmond VA is a retired Lt. Colonel in the Virginia Air National Guard, where she served as chief nurse.

VICKI HAWES of Charlottesville VA is manager of off-grounds housing at University of Virginia and completed her master of education this summer.

PATRICIA "PATTY" HERTER Taylor of Alexandria VA and husband Brewster are "blessed that he is cancer-free after a non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma nightmare four years ago." Daughter Alison is in her fourth year at University of Virginia; son Lars is at University of North Carolina; and daughter Gracie enjoys middle school.

CAROL "LYNN" HOWARD Lawrence of Charleston SC says husband Bob retired from the Navy and is associate rector of St. Michael's Church. They take small groups to Italy on pilgrimages.

NANCY LAWLER Brown of Tupelo MS spent time with MBC friends at **DOROTHY "DOT" TULL Mothershead's** '76 beach house on Debordieux Island in SC. They were grateful MBC brought them together in 1972.

1977

KATHRYN JOHNSON Williams of Farmville VA and husband David are renovating their home. She is teaching at a local community college.

MARY HUNTER LEACH of Kilauea HI visited the Big Island and says, "Staring at oozing lava in the dark was a powerful way to turn 50 (though I admit I prefer the rain forest). Aloha!"

MADELINE SCHUELER Jean of California MD works full time as a computer programmer. Her eldest child finishes community college this year; the youngest starts high school; and her middle child graduates in two years.

VANESSA TRAYINHAM of Mt. Holly Springs PA completed a collection of poems, *A Far Cry*.

1978

MARGARET "MEG" KOSTMAYER Charbonnet of Covington LA and husband Hunter moved to nine acres in the country. Margaux, 25, is a fourth-year medical student; Kristen, 23, is a University of Georgia graduate; and Hunter, 21, is an Ole Miss senior.

MARY BETH LAWRENCE Hill of Rockport ME works in a cancer care center as patient care coordinator. Husband Dean is systems manager for the center's computer operations. They have one son Michael, 12, still at home.

LAURIE SCOTT Bass of Roswell GA has twin grandsons, Travis and Scott, born April 2005, and their sister Edie, 3.

ELISABETH TRUETT Greenbaum of Keswick VA enjoys visiting with classmates when visiting her parents or watching her son play tennis. She looks forward to traveling to Australia to visit her daughter, who has spent six months studying at James Cook University in Townsville.

1979

GRETCHEN BINARD Watkins of Earlysville VA and husband Thom married in April 2005, and stay busy with five children, ages 15-23. She enjoys seeing **LYNNE KREGER Frye '79**, and **CYNTHIA PURKEY Norton '79**.

CORNELIA "FAHY" JARRELL DeWitt of Alexandria LA has three daughters: Sally DeWitt, 15, and twins Annie and Cornelia, 11.

BARBARA JOHNSON of Charlottesville VA says grandson Bryan and wife Wendy presented her with great-granddaughter Camryn in 2004. Grandson Scott, graduated from Furman University and will attend graduate school at West Virginia University. Granddaughter Amanda married Thomas in Nicaragua in 2004, where Amanda is doing missionary social work.

MARTHA KRAUSS Smith of Disputanta VA stays busy with home and volunteer work. Her son is a freshman at Old Dominion University, and her daughter is a freshman in high school. Her husband works at Philip Morris.

BARBARA NEWMAN O'Shields of Lexington VA has been a financial consultant with Gunn Allen Financial for 23 years.

1980

ANN GREGORY Colligan of Leominster MA has been teaching 25 years and enjoys the 12 to 14-year-olds. She and husband Russell have been married 21 years, and daughter Emily, 16, is a junior in high school.

ELIZABETH "BETTY" GULBENK Balentine of Atlanta GA is sorry to have missed Reunion 2005. It coincided with her daughter's graduation from Southern Methodist University.

JOSEPHINE "LOUISE" HEMPHILL Ullom of Takoma WA and husband Brian have four children, ages 15, 13, 10, and 8. She is sorry to have missed Reunion 2005, but hopes to make the 30th. She would like to go on a Spain reunion, and wants to know if anyone is interested?

MARY KENDRICK Christian of Tappahannock VA writes that daughter Kendrick is attending aesthetician school; son Grattan graduated from Virginia Tech; and daughter Ashby is in high school.

ALISE LEARNED Mahr of Elmira NY says husband Bill is still at IBM, and she is teaching reunification to parents with children in foster care and doing research interviewing. She enjoyed representing MBC at the Elmira College sesquicentennial celebration. Daughter Amanda is at Ithaca College (drama/scriptwriting); daughter Maggie made *Guinness Book of World Records* with 865 other brass players.

MARTHA PHILLPOTT King of Durham NC is vice president of human resources at Phoenix Physicians, LLC. She has three sons: David, 17, James, 14, and Andrew, 12. She hates to have missed Reunion 2005 and seeing the class "no one dared to call ladies."

FRANCES "JACK" SHIRLEY Scruby of Waynesboro VA was elected to the vestry of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in January 2005.

SUSAN TYDINGS Frushour of Waynesboro VA has new employment in the homeland security field.

ELIZABETH UPDEGRAFF Vardell of Larchmont NY says daughter Elizabeth is applying to college.

SUSAN WALKER Scola of Potomac MD and husband George celebrated their 20th anniversary. She is sad to report that sister Carole died of congestive heart failure.

LAURA WILSON of Memphis TN is a stay-at-home mom. Husband Pat, Virginia Military Institute '78, is a vice president at Medtronic. They have two children: Caroline, 17, and Patrick, 12.

1981

ELIZABETH "BETTE" BLAKE Ferguson of Skippers VA says son Cabell is in 4th grade and she is teaching kindergarten. Husband Bobby has been supportive of her transitions from bank management to stay-at-home-mom to educator.

AMANDA "GAYE" GIBSON Reid of Virginia Beach VA works for VBCPS as an elementary counselor. She and husband Bill have three daughters. They bought land in southwest Virginia, where they plan to retire.

CAROLYN HILDEBRANDT of Harrisonburg VA is operating her own Website and has published poetry. "Life has been good and I continue to improve at living."

GRACE CUMMING JONES Long of Williamsburg VA and husband Edward have relocated to a retirement community. She is still teaching part time and drawing with color pencils.

ELIZABETH "LIZA" NASH Taylor of Keswick VA works as product development manager for Monticello Catalog & Museum and does freelance design for Hearth Song catalog. She and husband Harrison have one daughter Annabel, 8. She's been in touch with **BRENDA HAGG '81**.

MARGARET "PEGGY" SZENIAWSKI Weidner of Monrovia MD has been teaching 15 years at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School. Her oldest son Nicholas graduated from high school, and youngest son Daniel completed fourth grade. Husband David is an EPA project manager.

1982

DAPHNE ANDREWS Stickley of Lexington VA is working for Rockbridge County Schools, and volunteers for Relay for Life, church, and school activities. Daughter Sarah is 16.

CAROLYN "JANE" DUKE Elkins of Raleigh NC is writing short stories, and her most recent publication was in the July 2005 online journal, *The Dead Mule*. Daughter Anne is in second grade.

SUSAN ENGLISH of Punta Gorda FL says she feels like she's moved to another town because of changes in landscape brought by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Jeanne of 2004. Her dad passed away in March 2005.

DANA FLANDERS of Staunton VA became a member of Staunton Downtown Development Association Board, and manages her business, Crown Jewelers.

JENNIFER HALL Costello of Virginia Beach VA says son Ian is at Virginia Military Institute, so she looks forward to visiting Staunton and Lexington during the next four years.

SUSAN LITTLE Adkins of Marietta GA, husband Stephen, and children — Mary-Alice, Paul, and Christine — went to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. They visited with **STEPHANIE CARLSON Brennan '82** in Jackson WY. They met a park ranger, who is the brother of **ANN MARIE HAYNES Vanderhout '82**.

REBECCA LOVINGOOD of Lacombe LA is involved in Greyhound rescue and adopted another Greyhound. She has four greyhounds, one lab-mix and two cats. She works with the Naval Oceanographic Office and spent a month at sea off the Bahamas.

JUDITH "JUDI" MCKENDREE Lewis of Moneta VA is married to Lawrence and they live at Smith Mountain Lake.

ELLEN MOOMAW of Gainesville FL is working on a PhD in chemistry at University of Florida.

LAURA O'HEAR Church of Moorestown NJ and husband David have three sons, ages 9, 6, and 2. As a volunteer, she lobbies the governor of NJ on behalf of non-profit organizations; is on the board of an affordable housing non-profit organization; works for New Jersey Committee of Philadelphia Orchestra; and is in Junior League..

ANN VANDERHOUT of Newark DE is fiscal administrative officer with the state Department of Labor, and husband Greg is with Probation and Parole. Daughter Tara, 19, is in college, and son Dutch, 9, is in third grade.

TERESA "TERRI" YOUNG Fort of Hardy VA has taken up high performance driving and auto crossing, which she enjoys with husband Eddie and son Evan, 17. Son Stephen, 12, can't wait to compete too.

1983

SHAWN BROWN Thompson of Oklahoma City OK celebrated her 18th anniversary with GlaxosmithKline Pharmaceutical Company, where she is a senior clinical specialist in the neuro health division. She and husband Dick enjoy their home in a historical neighborhood.

LISA HONAKER Nickel of Richmond VA works for NBC News, and husband David is a financial consultant for Wachovia Securities and a graduate of University of Richmond. They married in February 2003 and have four children: Megan, 17, son Chess, 14, stepdaughter Caroline, 24, and stepson Henry, 21.

ELIZABETH "LISA" HOUGH Hayes of Raleigh NC remarried in September 2004 to Jim. Son Jonathan Cole is a freshman at East Carolina University studying nursing.

SALLY PUTNAM of Clifton Forge VA works at Allegheny Regional Hospital as a case manager/medical social worker. She received a master's in 1985 from Virginia Tech. She is the mother of two daughters and five grandchildren. She is on the board of directors of Allegheny Highlands CSB and is ex-chair of Clifton Forge Library board.

1984

LISA GAVAZZI Johnson of Mebane NC is a fifth grade teacher at Burlington Day School.

LEIGH "LEIGH ANNE" MICHAEL Whitacre of Clear Brook VA enjoys life with husband Lee and their three children: Logan, 14, Kaye, 11, and Christian, 7. They started a self-storage business in 2001.

KELLY PHELPS Winstead of Danville VA says daughter Mary Katherine graduated from high school magna cum laude and now attends University of Virginia.

CAROL SHANNON of Staunton VA works at Western State Hospital as an attending physician/psychiatrist on a psychosocial rehab ward.

MARGARET TROUTMAN Balanowski of Clarkston MI works for the U.S. Army. Her youngest Boston Terrier, Candy, is competing in dog agility, and winning ribbons and titles.

1985

SANDRA HARRISON of Hanoi, Vietnam welcomes all visitors!

LISA INGHAM Nalley of Greenville SC has three children: Mary Ashton, 13, Bennett, 11, and Weston, 10. Husband Wes is president of Nalley Commercial Properties. She volunteers at church and school, and is president of Greenville Little League.

PATRICIA "PAT" KELLERMAN of Leesburg VA published her book *Starting Over: Reinventing Life After 60* last summer and has a Website by the same name. She has been speaking to groups across the country about reinventing.

DONNA MEEKS Peduto of Staunton VA and husband Mark have lived in Augusta County for 17 years. She is a resource technician at Unifi, Inc. Daughter Amanda volunteers for the rescue squad and is taking EMT classes. Son Brian is homeschooled and in 9th grade. They are expecting a granddaughter in November 2005.

LORA "LO" SCHNEIDER Lindahl of College Station TX says Laena Anne Lindahl was born in February 2005.

1986

DANA CAMPBELL Kingrey of Grand Rapids MI does marketing for United Bank of Michigan. She also does freelance marketing and advertising for clients in Virginia and other places. She enjoys reading, decorating, gardening, and writing.

ELLEN PEARSON Trimm of Louisville KY, husband John, and children (ages 3 and 2) enjoy being back in KY. The children love seeing cousins, and they all like the change of seasons and southern hospitality.

1987

ALLISON YOUNG Smith of Winchester VA says husband Jay has taken over her Edward Jones office, and she has retired to stay home with Rhodes, 7, and Lillian, 4.

1988

KRISTY BARLOW McComas of Swoope VA has a daughter, Emily, in kindergarten.

REBECCA "BECKY" GIBBS of Charlotte NC had lunch with **MELANIE MANUEL Jividen '88,** who lives in Dayton OH with husband Bill.

JOANNE REICH of Ashland City TN is co-chair of Justice for Women Working Group of the National Council of Churches USA. She is interim child protection and community assistance officer of the mission agency of The United Methodist Church.

JULIE TERRY Mills of Tyler TX has four children: Christie, James, Ben, and Michael.

MYRA VANDECASTLE Swan of Charlottesville VA retired two years ago, and is active in Crozet United Methodist Church.

1989

THOMAS "TOM" FOSTER of Roanoke VA is a first sergeant with Virginia State Police, Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

MICHELLE "CHELLE" JACKSON of Arlington VA received a master of science in computer information systems from University of Phoenix in May 2005.

KATHLEEN SALE Shannon of Westlake OH says her husband is general manager of Howmet Tempcraft, Inc. She enjoys tennis and caring for Jan, 7, and Mary Kate, 5.

AMY YELVERTON Walters of Woodbridge VA is a substitute teacher and volunteer at her children's school. She and husband Ken have a son Ryan, 11, and daughter Paige, 7.

1990

SHERI FOLEY-Gliniecki of Roanoke VA works for Novo Nordis, a pharmacy company, and has been promoted to diabetes care specialist. She and husband Tim visited Denmark, England, Scotland, Ireland, and cruised on the QE2 Cunard Ship.

CAROLYN "PAIGE" BELOTE Addison of Cheriton VA works for Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel as assistant director of public relations. She lives with husband Hunt and daughter Kellam, 7.

LISA BERRY Custalow of Charlottesville VA moved back to Charlottesville where she had lived as an ADP student. She works as a substance abuse counselor at ARS Pantops Clinic. "I would love to get involved in a Charlottesville alumnae/i chapter."

MEGAN EVANS Fryburger of Cincinnati OH has two daughters: Marley Elizabeth, born 8-27-03, and Holly Ann, born 12-22-04.

AUDREY FISHER Shank of Cameroon Africa, husband Greg, and daughter Sarah, 11, run a hospital in Cameroon. "Please pray for us."

ELLEN JENKINS Holland of Charlotte NC teaches special education part-time and has three children, Darren, 8, Coleman, 6, and Caroline, 2.

Marriages

ELIZABETH "LISA" HOUGH '83 to Jim Hayes, September 11, 2004

CYNTHIA STEPHENS '93 to Courtney Hancock Bolling, October 23, 2004

SUSAN WALTON '95 to Michael Estes, April 1, 2002

KERRY ROLAND '96 to LTJG Nick Martinez, March 31, 2005

DIANE "SHELLEY" KELSAY '98 to Charles N. Bishop III, February 2005

EMILY DIXON '02 to Robert Girardier, July 2004

ERIN MCDONOUGH '04 to Second Lieutenant Josh Howard, June 25, 2005

MELANIE MITTS '05 to Brian Argenbright, June 25, 2005

SUSIE MORRIS Baker of Augusta GA is raising three children under four years of age.

KELLY MORRIS Downer of Troy VA is a real estate agent with Downer & Associates. Son Landon, 4, is learning Spanish. Husband Benton is president of a local association of realtors.

LYNN "HOLLY" WARREN Robertson of Los Angeles CA, husband, Golden Retriever, and cat enjoy Hollywood. She would love to connect with anyone from MBC.

1991

ELIZABETH "LIZ" BENDER Morgan of Hermitage TN has been working at FedEX/Kinkos. She and her husband visited Staunton and enjoyed seeing **MARY REBEKAH COX Hadfield '92, KATHRYN TATTERSON '92** and **KATE SHUNNEY '91.**

ELLEN "MAUREEN" CULLATHER Stepanian of Richmond VA and husband Mark had 4th child, Mark Tyler, in April 2005. He joins sister Megan and brothers Nicholas and Jack.

BONNIE FIX of Lexington VA is teaching sixth grade American history at Rockbridge Middle School and taking graduate courses at James Madison University.

SANDRA MOTTNER of Bellingham WA was presented an Excellence in Teaching award from the College of Business and Economics at Western Washington University, where she is an assistant professor of marketing. She teaches courses in marketing management and strategy.

SARAH PENHALLOW Vostal of Summit NJ is a stay-at-home mom of Joseph, 5, and Erin, 2. She takes painting classes to keep her creative juices flowing.

ROBIN RAY Coll of Valley Lee MD gave birth last March to daughter Fiona Covington Coll, which makes them a family of four with husband Patrick, and Rory, 2. She and Patrick are civilian attorneys for the Naval Air Systems Command.

JOHN WESTPHALEN of Bassett VA was promoted to director of special education and support services for Patrick County Schools.

1992

LORI ATKINS Meyers of Irvine CA and husband Tim enjoy southern CA with their two children, Marissa, 2, and Evan, 1.

JESSICA BOOTH Bergstol of La Grange NC and husband Christopher welcomed baby Ella Grace in June 2004. Ella has a big brother, Henry, 5. They are stationed at Seymour Johnson AFB where Christopher flies F15-E jets.

KRISTI COLEMAN Schumacher of Parker CO welcomed baby Sloan Elizabeth in October 2004. Hunter, 3, enjoys his role as big brother. Husband Ron is a high school principal.

ELIZABETH CONNELL Pee of Staunton VA has returned to Mary Baldwin as director of the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG). She, husband Thomas, and their children, Emily, 10, Bobby, 8, Alex, 4, and Wells, 1 moved from Athens GA.

ALITIA CROSS of Fairfax VA is assistant upholstry buyer for Mastercraft Interiors.

PETTIS CRUMPLER Montague of Cary NC received an award from Wyeth Drug Company and is in the President's Club Gold Circle for reps with top 2% of company sales. Son Brad is also with Wyeth and won the same award for sales.

MICHAEL "MIKE" WILLIAMS of Monterey VA is a high school English teacher and solo guitarist, who also plays with several bands.

1993

ANNA AUSTELL Dozal of Buena Vista VA has three children and spends days volunteering at their school.

MARY BURDEN of Charlotte NC had baby Sydney Grace in July 2004, who weighed 2 lbs, 9 oz at birth. Mary got to bring her home in August 2004. Despite her difficult beginning, Sydney Grace has celebrated her first birthday and is doing well. Mary built a career in real estate and is now an underwriter with American Home Mortgage.

ROSEMARY CAMPOLI McMahon of Oakton VA is a registered representative with H. D. Vest Financial Services, and has added investment services to her CPA practice.

REBEKAH CONN Foster of Lewisburg WV and husband John welcomed son John Fielding IV in January 2005. Big sister Georgia Anne is 4. Rebekah is education director of Carnegie Hall, Inc., a regional arts and education foundation. She and classmates **PATRICIA "TRISH" HYLTON GREGORY-Sadlack '93** and **CAMILLE SHEAROUSE Sparkman '93** got together for a weekend at Tybee Island.

DEBORAH "DEBBIE" FISCHER Frickey of Colorado Springs CO is vice president of account services for PRACO, a public relations/advertising company. She and husband Derek had twins Audra and Connor in July 2004.

MARYLON HAND Barkan of Birmingham AL had her second daughter in July 2005.

STACEY KESLER Pugh of Richmond VA and husband Bill welcomed a baby girl in September 2004. She is a project manager with Royall and Company.

EVELYN "KATE" MILLS Irby of Jackson MS had an art exhibition of encaustic drawings at Beverley Street Studio School in Staunton, and enjoyed seeing old friends and faculty from MBC.

BELYNDA PHILLIPS Randolph of Fort Meade MD and husband Kirk have two sons, Zachary, 9, and Jamie, 7, who are profoundly autistic. She hopes to return to work as a substitute teacher.

RENEE ROBERTS Johnson of Gloucester VA works part-time for Rappahannock Community College as a career and education specialist.

HEATHER SEARS Lancaster of Atlanta GA and husband Merritt welcomed son William Church in July 2005.

CYNTHIA STEPHENS Bolling of Roanoke VA was married in October 2004 to Courtney Hancock Bolling. She is a pediatric occupational therapist for Professional Therapies, Inc. They celebrated the birth of first child Evelyn Stuart in July 2005 (6 lbs, 12 oz).

STEPHANIE WADE of Fairfax VA is planning her wedding!

1994

JULIE LODGE Ustruck of Katy TX launched an online business selling products to support natural family living. She has two sons that were homebirthed and a third on the way.

GERRI WHITTAKER Timmons of Owensboro KY is completing a master's in marriage and family counseling at Western Kentucky University, and she has been inducted into Phi Kappa Phi. Daughters Kendall and Alexis are PEGs in the making! She would love to hear from alumnae in western KY.

1995

SARA BRAXTON Keith of Midlothian VA and husband Patrick celebrated their fifth anniversary. She is a stay-at-home mom with James, 2, who was born three months early and spent his first six months in NICU. "He is doing great and catching up quickly!"

ALLISON "ALLIE" COMPTON of Richmond VA is pursuing a BFA in sculpture at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

SUZANNA "PAIGE" CROCKETT Baker of Piney Flats TN is pregnant and the baby is due in December 2005.

ELAINE "RAND" HARGRETT Mauck of Midlothian VA: "My husband will return from Iraq in April. He was activated while in the Navy Reserves in August 2004. I serve as ombudsman for his detachment."

JULIANNE "JULIE" DYESS of Dallas TX has sold homes for Keller Williams Realty for eight years. She hopes all of you are doing well.

DENISE LANTZ Phillips of Telford PA is a senior human resource associate with KPMG, LLP, traveling frequently to offices in Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. The final stage of renovations to their house are underway.

JENNIFER MARKEL Gardner of Purcellville VA gave birth to Seth Michael in March 2005.

JUDY MOORE of Wylliesburg VA received the Editor's Choice Award last January from International Library of Poetry for her poem, *A Haven in Winter*. It was published in their 2005 spring/summer national publication. She is working on another poetry manuscript. She volunteers at a library as circulation clerk, tour guide, and public relations at Central High Museum.

MARY MORRISON of New York City NY: "I continue to work with President Clinton. My current project is organizing the Clinton Global Initiative NYC 2005."

Births

LORA "LO" SCHNEIDER Lindahl '85 and Paul: a daughter, Laena Anne, February 6, 2005
MEGAN EVANS Fryburger '90 and Christopher: a daughter, Holly Ann, December 22, 2004
ELLEN "MAUREEN" CULLATHER Stepanian '91 and Mark: a son, Mark Tyler, April 2005
ROBIN RAY Coll '91 and Patrick: a daughter, Fiona Covington, March 1, 2005
JESSICA BOOTH Bergstol '92 and Christopher: a daughter, Ella Grace, June 1, 2004
KRISTI COLEMAN Schumacher '92 and Ron: a daughter, Sloan Elizabeth, October 18, 2004
MARY BURDEN '93: a daughter, Sydney Grace, July 2004
REBEKAH CONN Foster '93 and John: a son, John Fielding, January 28, 2005
DEBORAH "DEBBIE" FISCHER Frickey '93 and Derek: a son and a daughter, Audra and Connor Frickey, July 2004
STACEY KESLER Pugh '93 and Bill: a daughter, September 16, 2004
HEATHER SEARS Lancaster '93 and Merritt: a son, William Church, July 24, 2005
CYNTHIA STEPHENS Bolling '93 and Courtney: a daughter, Evelyn Stuart, July 25, 2005
JENNIFER MARKEL Gardner '95 and Jonathan: a son, Seth Michael, March 7, 2005
SUSAN WALTON Estes '95 and Michael: a daughter, Ruby, September 9, 2003
HOLLY SOUTH '97 and Patrick Lynch, a daughter, Kennedy Anne Lynch, July 13, 2004
ELIZABETH "LIZ" TROMBLEY Saunders '97 and Mark: a son, Robert Arthur-Dyfed, February 15, 2005
ELEANOR CASON Pugliese '98 and Gino: a son, Ciro Biagio Armani, April 17, 2004
KATHARINE HOGE Koelsch '98 and Matt: a son, Walker Neal, June 2005
CYNTHIA "HAVEN" LECLER Ilgenfritz '98 and Carter: a son, Carter "C.T." Thompson, February 5, 2005
SARA MACKEY Dunn '98 and Dan: a daughter, Amelia Virginia, February 10, 2005
ELIZABETH "CORBIN" ADAMSON Orgain '00 and Frazer: a son, Gatewood "Gates" Harrison, April 10, 2005
MICHELLE COBB Fitzgerald '00 and Timmy: a son, Preston Timothy, August 1, 2004
ELIZABETH "GETTYS" KOBIASHVILI Nelson '00 and Mike: a son, Peter Michael, November 14, 2004
STARLING CRABTREE Nowell '01 and Brad: a daughter, Starling Marie, May 17, 2005
WINDSOR HALL Johnson '02 and Scott: a son, William Scott, May 25, 2005
ELISE LASOTA Rhodes '02 and Jeremy: a daughter, Eleanore Kay, March 16, 2005
JUDITH LEVIN Schrauder '02 and Michael: a son, Benjamin Matthew, February 6, 2005
DARA PARKER '02 and Jeremy: a son, Jameson Stage, October 15, 2004

JILL PARKER Kissinger of Wake Forest NC graduated from nursing school in May 2004. She is an RN in the operating room at Rex Healthcare. She is married to Flip, and has a daughter, Hanna Grace, 4.

SAUNDRA PRATT of Floyd VA teaches academically gifted students at Jones Intermediate. "My experience in the Adult Degree Program has provided a sound foundation for my teaching experiences."

ANNE SCOTT Carter of Richmond VA says husband David passed the Virginia Bar and has a JD from University of Dayton. Son Robert Lee was born in March 2005.

SONJA SPARKS Smith of Reedville VA launched a Website for her clothing boutique Avolon.

LINDA TAYLOR of Roanoke VA retired as a foster care social worker due to disability.

LEE VERMILLION Thompson of Bristow VA has two boys, Jackson, 4, and Carter, 1. She is in graduate school at George Mason University to be a licensed reading specialist.

SUSAN WALTON Estes of Newport VA married Michael in April 2002. Daughter Ruby was born September 2003. She is a project engineer with Olver, Inc.

JENNIFER "JEN" YAVORSKY of Atlanta GA runs a garden design company and travels. "Sorry I missed our Reunion this year, see you in five years."

1996

TARA ANDERSON Thompson of Huntingdon PA and husband Hamilton, daughter Julia, 4, and son Luke, 2, have moved to their hometown.

DENISE CLARY Williams of Alberta VA is a junior partner at Creedle, Jones, and Alga PC, a CPA firm.

MELANIE ENTSMINGER Falls of Lexington VA is assistant principal at Rockbridge County High School and mother to Madison Elizabeth, 9 mos.

MARY KATHERINE EVANS Hogg of Newport News VA is associate vice president investment officer of Wachovia Securities in Newport News.

DIANE LOWRY of Austin TX says that after a decade in advertising, she is pursuing a master's in acupuncture and oriental medicine at the Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin. She looks forward to opening her own practice — and to her 10-year reunion in 2006.

KERRY ROLAND Martinez of Virginia Beach VA married LtJG Nick Martinez in March 2005 at the Sheraton Moana Surfrider Hotel on Waikiki Beach in Hawaii with 53 guests. She is a senior account manager with Anthem (Wellpoint) Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and Nick is an officer in the U.S. Navy.

DESIREE SCHRADER Stogdale of Mt. Sidney VA writes that Colton is in kindergarten and Laney, 2, is a handful. She is a mental health counselor and has a successful Tupperware business.

1997

ANNIE BENEDETTI of Lanexa VA teaches third grade at Henrico County Public Schools. She has a granddaughter, Isabella, 2.

BEVERLY DEBALSKI Craig of Franklin TN is director of clinical risk management for IASIS Healthcare.

SUE MILAM Heneberger of Verona VA is building a house in Harrisonburg.

ROSEMARY PARSELLS of Staunton VA is an admissions recruiter for the Mary Baldwin College Adult Degree Program, which entails travel around Virginia.

ANGELA PRADO Austin of Corpus Christi TX and husband Danny welcomed daughter Sarah Brynn in March. Big brother Jake is 2.

GRACE SCHULTZ of Raphine VA bought an old Victorian farmhouse and is renovating it. She volunteers at VSDB and has a part-time job at a truck stop.

BETH SILVERMAN Sprenkle of Bristow VA is working with a environmental consulting firm in northern VA which is focused on wetlands.

HOLLY SOUTH of St. Inigoes MD and husband Patrick welcomed daughter Kennedy Anne Lynch in July 2004. She is well-loved by big brother Ethan.

ELIZABETH "LIZ" TROMBLEY Saunders of Marietta GA and husband Mark welcomed third son Robert Arthur-Dyfed Saunders in February 2005. He joins twins George and Walter, 3.

KENNETH YOWELL of Palmyra VA teaches grades seven and eight at Fluvanna Middle School.

1998

ELEANOR CASON Pugliese of Waynesboro VA and husband Gino welcomed son Ciro Biagio Armani Pugliese in April 2004. His big sister and playmate is Giuliana, 5. Eleanor tutors students in her home.

JESSICA CHARLES Copenhaver of Roanoke VA and husband Christopher have moved back to her home town.

NANCY EDMUNDS Francisco of Salem VA says son Jamie Soltis was All Timesland wrestling coach of the year. He teaches/coaches at Glenvar High School in Salem.

JENNIFER FLOYD Martin of Natural Bridge VA received her master of education in reading from University of Virginia, and was nominated for Who's Who Among America's Teachers. She teaches Title 1 Reading at Natural Bridge Elementary School.

GLACEIA HENDERSON of Anchorage AK is a recording and composing artist.

KATHARINE HOGE Koelsch of South Riding VA and husband Matt welcomed son Walker Neal in June.

LATESHA HOOKER Akdins of Richmond VA earned a master's in social work at Virginia Commonwealth University. She works for Richmond City Adult Probation and Parole. Son Branden, 5, is a K4 student at Victory Christian Academy. Daughter Britney, 2, is the spitting image of, and has the same personality as, her mommy.

JESYCA HOPE Woodspowers of Daytona Beach Shores FL married Dr. Howard Rodenberg.

MARIANNE "MARI" JENSEN of Charlottesville VA is volunteer receptionist with Albemarle-Charlottesville Historical Society and participates in the International Host Program through University of Virginia.

DIANE "SHELLEY" KELSAY Bishop of Staunton VA married Charles in February 2005. She is a commercial attorney with Wharton Aldhizer & Weaver, which recently opened a Staunton office in the American Hotel.

CYNTHIA "HAVEN" LECLER Ilgenfritz of Metairie LA had baby Carter "C.T" Thompson in February 2005. She has a real estate license and works for Sissy Wood Realtor, Inc. in New Orleans.

SARA MACKEY Dunn of King George VA and husband Dan welcomed daughter Amelia Virginia in February 2005 (9 lbs). They chose her middle name to honor Dr. Virginia Francisco and thank her for the huge influence she had on both their lives. Sara facilitates groups for survivors of sexual assault at a crisis center.

HOLLAND ROBERTS Gibbs of Jacksonville FL and husband Charles have two children.

JILL URQUHART of Charlottesville VA received her master's in education for gifted education from University of Virginia in May 2004 and is working on a doctoral degree.

ANNE WAGNER of Alexandria VA is news editor for the *Washington Times* national weekly edition.

1999

REBECCAH Smith of Roanoke VA teaches world history to ninth graders at Patrick Henry High School. She also works at Lewis Gale in the x-ray department. Son Lance is transfering to Radford University.

BRITTANY AANERUD of Odenton MD married and is working on a master's of fine arts in creative writing.

KIMBERLY "KIM" DINGES Miller of Mount Jackson VA is the development associate at Massanutten Military Academy.

WANDA "KAY" ELLISON of Waynesboro VA retired from Western State Hospital in July 2003 and returned to school for a nursing class.

DONNA KENWARD of Palmyra VA taught third grade for six years and is now teaching kindergarten.

JANE TOWNSEND of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and husband went on a down-island sailing trip. Daughter Carter is well.

WILLIAM "MICHAEL" ROGERS of Tacoma WA enrolled at Argosy University and earned a master's in clinical psychology. He is preparing for a pre-doctoral internship at Central Washington University where he hopes to complete a dissertation on correlations between objective measures and projective measures of adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

HEATHER WILSON of Westminster MD left Dana Farber Cancer Institute with a master's in molecular and cell biology and biochemistry from Boston University. She will teach chemistry and biology at Bryn Mawr School, an all girls college prep high school.

2000

ELIZABETH "CORBIN" ADAMSON Orgain of Richmond VA and husband Frazer welcomed son Gatewood "Gates" Harrison Orgain in April 2005 (7 lbs, 2.5 oz).

HEATHER BELCHER Parr of Weyers Cave VA married Andy in November 2001. They have one son, Dylan, 5.

GINA BROWN Alston of Upper Marlboro MD is a wife of three years and mother of two boys. She is a consultant in the Washington Metro area.

MICHELLE COBB Fitzgerald of Greenville VA and husband Timmy welcomed Preston Timothy in August 2004 (8 lbs, 8 oz).

ANGELA DANCY Peterson of Parkville MD is educational director of a preschool. Her son is 20 months old. She and husband Lars bought their first house in April 2004.

BRENNA KELLY of Midlothian VA left her second ship, USS CAPE ST GEORGE (CG 71), in August 2003. She was one of six surface warfare officers selected to participate in the Navy Washington DC Intern Program (NWIP). She will earn a master's in organization management from George Washington University and three six-month internships on Navy and Joint staffs, graduating in August 2006. Then she will attend Department Head school in RI.

ELIZABETH "GETTYS" KOBIASHVILI Nelson of Fort Bragg NC and husband Mike welcomed first child Peter Michael in November 2004. **MORGAN ALBERTS Smith '99** is his godmother.

COLLEEN LOWE of Alexandria VA is an officer in the U.S. Navy stationed in Washington DC where she works on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon. Her roommate is her MBC roommate and VWIL alumna **BRENNA KELLY '00**. She's sorry to have missed Reunion 2005, but had a blast at the VWIL 10th Anniversary in March.

AMY MITCHELL Howard of Madison Heights TX graduated from University of Virginia with a master's in teaching. She is a special education teacher for sixth grade at Nelson County Middle School.

SAMANTHA "SAMM" OEHL of Baltimore MD is junior vice president of Warschawski Public Relations. She services several key accounts in top-tier media relations, strategic campaign planning and account management in the sports and consumer product industries.

TAMARA SCARAMOZZI of Washington DC is in the Navy and was promoted to lieutenant in June. She transferred to Wahington DC in January 2005.

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AMY SHY of Dry Ridge KY had her fourth child in 2001, born prematurely. She volunteers with Girl Scout Council and is enrolled at Northern Kentucky University for a second bachelors, and then plans to work on a master's in social work.

EMILY STEWART of Richmond VA has a fundraising consulting business, Stewart Consulting, LLC, in downtown Richmond.

CARRIE WARREN Jones of Killeen TX is in graduate school at Baylor University for museum studies, and hopes to finish in May 2006.

2001

TANYA BOYCE of Germantown MD received a promotion with Army Publishing Directorate, her employer since graduation.

JANEEN CARTER of Norfolk VA has two daughters, Charity, 2, and Stephanie, 1.

VANESSA COVERT of Alexandria VA earned a master of science in forensic science from Virginia Commonwealth University in December 2004 and is a forensic DNA analyst with Bode Technology Group.

STARLING CRABTREE Nowell of Nashville TN and husband Brad welcomed their first child Starling Marie in May 2005.

DELORES CROCKETT Damell of Orange VA received an MBA in health care management from Regis University.

NORAH FICK Pence of Fredericksburg VA is married to Adam and enjoys her new job.

SARAH MITCHELL of Winston-Salem NC is an elementary/middle school counselor at International School of Islamabad. She earned a master's in school counseling from Wake Forest in May 2005.

TARA PERROW of Concord VA works in the foster care division of social services. She's playing softball and says, "I'm still single, but I've got plenty of time. I hope all my MBC girls are doing well. I miss you all!"

KARA REESE of Melbourne FL works for a land surveying company as a drafting technician.

KRISTY WHEELER of Summerville SC is the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Commander at Charleston AFB. She spent two years in England and two years in Japan.

NANCY WILHITE of Ashland VA works as a medical review specialist at AdvanceMed, a computer science company.

2002

LISA BLISS of McLean VA is in the Arlington Professional Development School at Marymount University, earning a master's in education and teacher licensure.

CASEY BRENT of Dillwyn VA is completing graduate work in art history at Virginia Commonwealth University. She will be in four MBC weddings over the next year and looks forward to Reunion 2006.

EMILY DIXON Girardier of Moyock NC married Robert in July 2004. Bridesmaids were **COURTNEY MARTIN Jackson '00**, **WINDSOR HALL Johnson '02**, and **MOLLY MAHONEY '02**. Emily is teaching kindergarten.

TIFFANY EWTON of Del Rio TX is a first lieutenant in USAF. She is also director for a city Christian youth center called the Grounds.

WINDSOR HALL Johnson of Centerville VA and husband Scott welcomed son William Scott Jr in May 2005 (6 lbs, 6 oz). She, **MOLLY MAHONEY '02,** and **EMILY DIXON Girardier '02** met in Richmond.

ANNA HENLEY of Pleasant View TN is working at Nashville Humane Association as the animal behavior program manager.

Deaths

IRENE ROBERTS Malone '21	March 30, 2005
ELIZABETH SULLIVAN Smith '28	April 16, 2005
ELIZABETH WITHERS Glascock '30	January 4, 2005
MARION PFLANZE Timmons '32	March 18, 2005
EVELYN BROWN Nilsson '35	March 14, 2005
MARY "VIRGINIA"CLARK Marks '35	May 14, 2005
PHYLLIS WILLIAMS Ayres '38	March 10, 2005
NANCY OWEN Stuart '39	November 7, 2004
LELIA DUNLAP '41	February 13, 2005
ELIZABETH APPLEBY Wagner '42	January 21, 2005
ANNE CHURCHMAN Brown '45	June 18, 2005
MARGARET "MARGIE"EARLE Baker '45	April 23, 2005
MARY "FRAN"GAUSE Oppelt '46	May 27, 2005
EVA "MARIE"MATHEWS Donalson '46	December 12, 2004
NANCY GILL Booth '47	May 3, 2005
BETTY "B.J." HAMILTON Kay '47	March 22, 2005
EDITH "BETTY"LANE McKay '47	March 19, 2005
NANCY YELTON '48	March 22, 2005
JEANNE DUBOIS Loar '49	March 27, 2005
CAROLINE PIERCE Ruffner '57	April 11, 2005
JO ANNE HOFFMAN Jay '70	May 19, 2005
TONI FRYE '74	November 5, 2005
GALE HOGG Swindeck '78	March 28, 2005
BETTY HAMILTON Kay '79	March 22, 2005
EDITH "BETTY" LANE McKay '79	March 19, 2005
COURTNEY DEWEY '84	May 14, 2005
ANNE SUTHERLAND Thompson '90	January 8, 2005
NANCY SUE BURKE Lucas '97	June 9, 2005
MELISSA MITCHELL '97	May 21, 2005
ERIC HITE '99	September 26, 2005
SARAH SMALL '02	September 19, 2005
TAMMY BROWN '05	January 30, 2005

ELISE LASOTA Rhodes of Alexandria VA and husband Jeremy welcomed second daughter Eleanore Kay in March 2005 (7 lbs, 1.5 oz); he has an older sister, Josephine.

JUDITH LEVIN Schrauder of Staunton VA and huband Michael welcomed son Benjamin Matthew in February 2005.

DARA PARKER of Afton VA and husband Jeremy welcomed son Jameson Stage in October 2004.

JESSICA PASINI Elsass of TAFB OK is a senior designer at Hollingsworth Graphic Dimensions, which received 11 Addy awards for its 2004 work.

ALESANDRA PRICE of Castle Hayne NC is planning a November 2005 wedding. **DIONNA MCINTYRE Kiernan '02** will be a bridesmaid. Mary Baldwin friends **KRISTEN BRYANT Gould '02, SARAH LAYNE '02**, and **LUCIA "YOGI" ALMENDRAS '02** will attend.

TIFFANY SHUMACK of Cocoa FL graduated from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in May 2005 with a master's in Christian education. She is director of Christian education and youth coordinator for Rockledge Presbyterian Church.

2003

JANICE CAMPBELL of Ashland VA teaches essay workshops ("Beat-the-Clock") for students preparing for standardized tests called Everyday Education.

HEATHER CARLYLE of Vermillion SD graduated from the University of South Dakota with a master's in theatre. She moved to Evansville, I to work as education coordinator and box office manager for Evansville Civic Theatre.

KENDRA CLARKE of Bloomington IN is a graduate student at Indiana University in political science. She is also an associate instructor for undergraduate students.

KELLEY CLEMENS McElroy of Germany and husband Colin have been in Germany for two years and he completed a tour of duty in Iraq. Baby Melanie was born November 2005.

KATHERINE "KASEY" CULLEN of Cumberland MD is a youth minister and loving it!

SAMANTHA LONG of Highland Springs VA is single and purchased her own home. She teaches second grade at Charles City Elementary School and does hair part-time.

JOY "MICHELLE" LYNN Hughes of Lexington VA is teaching third grade. Her son is 2.

HOLLY MOSKOWITZ of Richmond VA went to Israel and returned for more schooling. She also went to Kenya on a safari, and worked on a health care education project in Uganda. She is an apprentice at the Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute in WA.

MEGHAN O'REILLY of Kennesaw GA finished the first year of graduate school at University of Oklahoma in public administration.

JULIE SCHMIDT of Arlington VA works as a legislative assistant on The Hill in Washington DC and is enrolled in a master's program through Naval War College. She occasionally runs into a few Baldwin friends.

2004

CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" Tickle of Richmond VA is a teacher at the Steward School.

YULIANA DEL ARROYO of Stafford VA worked with Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes and transitioned to a job with U.S. Investigations. She went to Italy, Peru, and Mexico, but is missing MBC a lot.

CARLY FANT of Brooklyn NY works in sales for NYC Marriott hotels, booking events throughout the city.

WANDA "SUE" GRAYSON Knipp of Richmond VA completed a first year as a graduate seminarian and is part of a two-person ministry team at Battery Park Christian Church.

TRACI KELSEY of Earlysville VA is a kindergarten teacher at Woodbrook School in Albemarle County VA.

ROBIN PRESTON Scott of Richmond VA is a nurse manager for the angiography department at Memorial Regional Medical Center.

ERIN BALLEW O'REILLY of Ansbach, Germany married 2LT Egan O'Reilly in September 2005. **KATHRYN SPICER '06, ERIN BAKER '07, ANGELA FABER '04, SARAH CERRI Cowherd '03, ERIKA GIRALDO '04, KATHRYN PHILLIPS '04, MEGHAN WARD '04, JOANNA CASTO '04, VICTORIA TENBROECK '05, ASHLEY KIZLER '05, JENNIFER CARMAN Lovell '04, JORDAN ARMSTRONG '04,** and **HEATHER WOLFE Myer '01** attended.

PATRICK SCHARF of Charlottesville VA teaches eighth grade science at Louisa County Middle School.

LEA THOMPSON of Dumfries VA is an Army contractor working at Ft Belvoir as a TRICARE advocate. She also attends Strayer University to earn an MBA.

CELESTE TIDRICK of Warren PA is doing graduate work in clinical psychology at East Carolina University.

EMILY TREADWAY of Forney TX worked as an admission specialist in labor and delivery at St. Lukes's Community Medical Center. She was also a nanny for MBC alumna **DEBRA "Debbie" FEIGIN Sukin '92**. Emily has moved to TN to pursue a master's in public health at University of Tennessee.

MEGHAN WARD of Arlington VA teaches fifth grade in Arlington VA and is an assistant field hockey coach.

DONIELLE WEATHERHOLTZ of New Market VA worked for Walt DisneyWorld, but moved back to Virginia in July 2005.

2005

STEPHANIE HATLEM OF Stafford VA will compete in the 26.3 mile Disney Marathon at DisneyWorld in January 2006 with MBC classmate **VICTORIA "Vicky" TENBROECK '05**. She is an MBC admissions recruiting roadrunner (Beep! Beep!) and will travel around Virginia seeking out the brightest students for MBC.

MELANIE MITTS Argenbright of Staunton VA married Brian Argenbright in June 2005 and bought a house.

KATHLEEN NEVIN of Bel Air MD is planning to be married soon.

CHRISTINA SMITH Leithleiter of Colonial Beach VA married three weeks after graduation and started looking for a job.

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with an optional extension to the Czech Republic and Austria

Costs include airfare, hotel accommodation in double rooms with private bathrooms, transportation, most meals, and all insurance and organizational fees.

A non-refundable deposit of $500 is due by January 31, 2006.

For more information (including detailed itineraries), please contact Dr. Vladimir Garkov at 540-887-7102 or preferably by e-mail at *vgarkov@mbc.edu*

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A Bear for All Seasons: Mary E. Humphreys Biology Lecturer Dr. Michael Pelton

March 9, 2006

Among Pelton's most important accomplishments is a 32-year study of black bear in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park — the longest continuous study of any bear species in the world. Among other of his research projects are studies of brown bear in Spain, Norway, and Russia, and Asiatic black bears in Japan. He has also studied giant pandas in China. His lecture is open to all and will be in Francis Auditorium at 7 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership

March 17, 2006

As you view the nationally televised coverage of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City, watch for the nation's only all-female corps of cadets, Mary Baldwin's own Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL). The Mary Baldwin/VWIL Band, which accompanies the cadets on parade, is made up of VWIL cadets and non-cadet students from MBC's Residential College for Women.

'These Hills Where Beauty Dwells' Reunion 2006

March 30-April 2, 2006

Last year we called it Homecoming, this year, Reunion. Both words mean coming together. Whether we call it Homecoming or Reunion, classmates will enjoy events and activities that will be joyful, educational (of course), and absolutely memorable. Last year it was held during Commencement Weekend. This year, it will be a little earlier in the school year so it can be the highlight event on campus. Is this your reunion year? Please call your alumnae/i office at 800-763-7359 and/or go online to see your reunion pages: *www.mbc.edu/reunion.*

Commencement 2006

May 21, 2006

It is always a beautiful day — no matter what the weather — when our students graduate in a moving ceremony on Page Terrace. You are welcome to attend and celebrate the achievement of 300 students of the Residential College for Women, Adult Degree Program, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Letters/Master of Fine Arts in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature in Performance — and greet them as fellow alumnae/i, the newest members.

The Full MBC Advantage

COMING TO LIFE FALL 2006

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

New students arriving on campus next fall will be the first to benefit from the complete Mary Baldwin College Advantage (MBCA) — a set of 10 key experiences in and out of the classroom that reflect the best practices in higher education in the 21st century. The MBCA builds on Mary Baldwin's historic strengths and brings to life two initiatives at the heart of MBC's 10-year strategic plan, *Composing Our Future* — to sharpen our focus on academic excellence, and to make personal transformation our priority.

Only Mary Baldwin offers all the key components of the MBCA, putting us (once again!) on the leading edge of higher education. MBC has always helped students become the women they wanted to be. That tradition continues, embodied in the Mary Baldwin College Advantage.

First Year Experience ...
makes students part of the Mary Baldwin family from the beginning.

Personalized Learning Plan and Portfolio ...
is the tool each student uses to map out what she wants to achieve in college and then document growth and personal transformation.

Individual Wellness Plan ...
helps each student build the physical, spiritual, and emotional foundation for a satisfying and productive life.

International Study ...
gives each student the perspectives to navigate successfully in a global society and multicultural experiences to enrich her experience.

Network of Mentors ...
take each student's success personally. Fellow students, faculty, internship directors, alumnae/i , and others offer guidance and share experience.

Distinctive Majors ...
(plus the opportunity to craft your own) give each student depth of knowledge, allow her to do original research and creative work.

Learning Community Option ...
connects students with common interests through seminars, activities, and face time with faculty.

Experiential Learning ...
offers each student hands-on experience through community service, internships, and field projects.

Capstone Experience ...
is a year-long research or creative project synthesizing four years of hard work and presented at a Capstone fair.

Life/Career Transition Program ...
is a carefully structured set of explorations beginning year one that result in a student knowing who she is and where she is going.

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